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Anger follows Tebbit move

Thatcher bid to calm party on leadership

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent, Chelten

Mid Staffordshire by-election.

Instead, party activists met in

outbreak of leadership

speculation.

Mr Tebbit's declaration —

which is seen as an attempt to derail Mr Michael Heseltine's

campaign — particularly in-furiated Mr Baker, who is

already upset by Mr Tebbit's criticisms of his performance at Central Office. But it was

said to have strengthened Mrs

Thatcher's conviction that she

Her message to the con-ference today will be "I am here to stay", according to

informed sources. It was said yesterday on her behalf that she was fit, had much to do,

that she was not losing her grip or sitting back and taking things easy. Close advisers insisted that she had as much

vigour as she had 10 years ago.

Lord Whitelaw, deputy party leader, drew cheers when he

said Conservatives had to do

everything in their power to

win the next election "under

Mr Baker told the council: "Loyalty and unity have al-

ways been the great strengths of our party. Disloyalty and

disunity have always been the

great burdens of the Labour

Party. Any house divided against itself will fall.
"So the lesson is clear. Talk of a leadership election, the canvassing of candidates,

openly for surreptitionely, openly for surreptitionely, will be no vacancy, and finds will be no vacancy, is welcomed only by our opponents. I say to you let this idle chatter cease. We have serious

The theme was maintained

Secretary to the Treasury, in a walk a yard for some of these

debate on the economy. None flashy pretenders to her of the Government's achieve throne. We need our Prime

ments could have come about Minister's enduring strength

without the persistence, tenac-ity and courage of Margaret Thatcher, he said. "The realize that, the sooner they

in the furore after Mr nated yesterday's proceedings

Tebbit's remarks, Mr Hes- overshadowing even the poil eltine was pressed to admit to tax debate in which Mr David

eltine was pressed to admit to tax debate in which Mr David the BBC that were there a Hunt, Minister for Local Gov-

be a candidate. But, like Mr charge should be a Tory

University dismisses

exam cheating appeal

By Mark Souster

FRANCIS FOECKE, the Bris-special committee which it

considered the report of the sity's Visitor, the Queen.

by Mr Norman Lamont, Chief

enemies of the Conservative

Party know that well, even if

vacancy he would be likely to

Tebbit, he emphasized there

Mr Heseltine said he fully

respected Mr Tebbit's pos-

ition. It was a legitimate and honourable thing to say. "If I

tol University student accused

of cheating in his final examinations, yesterday lost

his four-year battle to clear his

name, when his appeal was

The verdict was announced

after a two-hour meeting of

the university council, which

considered conclusions of a

100-page report compiled

after Mr Foecke's latest appeal

At the Senate House yes-

terday, Mr Michael Parry, the

The university council

held earlier this month.

would be no vacancy.

some of the friends of our election.

work to do,"

party do not."

Mrs Thatcher's leadership".

As the conference opened,

must stay on.

was asked the question Would you stand if there was

a vacancy? I do not think I would answer in any different

Mr Heseltine said if there

were a vacancy, he would

discuss the matter with friends, advisers and col-leagues. "I'm not going to be

naive. At the moment it looks

as though the advice would be favourable. My judgement is that Mrs Thatcher will lead

the Conservatives at the next

election and that Mrs That-

Asked whether Mr Tebbit's

intervention was helpful, he

said: "Norman is a straight

guy. You ask him a question. He will give you an answer."

had said nothing very new and

said he was amazed at the

commotion his remarks had caused. He was confident the

Prime Minister would win the

next election. If, for some

entirely unforeseen reason, she were to stand down,

"unless I felt there was a

candidate whom I would strongly support, I would con-

sider putting my hat in the ring." But he went on: "I'm

not particularly interested in

doing so, I'm not particularly

anxious for these things. I was

once. I am quite laid-back

Asked about the timing of

his statement, he responded: "Should I tell lies to journal-

ists when they ask me ques-

tions? When you get a straight question so far as it is possible

you give a straight enswer." In Chehenbarn, Mr Salt

Williams of Cardigan, mid

Wales, summed up the feel-

ings of many when she declared: "I would walk

through fire for Margaret Thatcher, but I would not

will ensure they will hold on to

their seats at the next

The leadership issue domi-

ernment, declared that the

weapon "to drive Labour out

had established in respect of

"It resolved that Mr

Foecke's appeal against the

the appeal of Mr Foecke.

obtained, be dismissed."

Tebbit's team, page 4 Photograph, page 4 Letters, page 11

of local government."

about it now."

Mr Tebbit maintained he

language to Norman."

THE Prime Minister will the polls and the loss of the today emphasize her determination to lead the Conservatives into the a mood of dismay at the fresh next election, and try to end the speculation fuelled by Mr Norman Tebbit's declaration of his readiness to stand if she stepped down.

She will be speaking against a background of fury at all levels of the party over Mr Tebbit's surprise intervention.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the party chairman, called that an 'unnecessary distraction" and gave a warning that internal divisions could cost the Tories the election. In a direct rebuke to Mr Tebbit, he declared: 'Idle chatter about a leadership election must cease."

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Lab-our leader, seized on the turmoil to deride the Conservatives as "squabbling like ferrets in a sack".

Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues had planned to use the Cheltenham gathering as the launch pad for a Conservative revival after the party's fall in

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Irina Ratushinskaya upset the KGB when she refused to become an informer. later she was jailed. In the Soviet Utsion she is still regarded as a dangerous state criminal: Page 33

Doomed family's last pictures

In the first months after the Russian revolution Tsar Nicholas II and his family enjoyed some happy moments. They are recorded in poignant photographs: Page 35

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Battlefields of Agincourt

Little seems to have changed at the scene of Henry V's historic victory. Anyone who had been there on St Crispin's Day would surely recognize the scene today; Page 57

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The Oxford crew seems to in today's Boat Race. Full analysis, map and diagram: Page 51

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Lord Rothschild: Talks have been embarrassing

By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

tussle over the value of the work, "View of the Westerkerk, Amsterdam" by Jan van der Heyden, regarded by the gallery as "one of the greatest achievements of Dutch townscape painting in the 17th

waits to hear whether the Government has accepted a similar proposal to save Canova's "The Three Graces", by setting its £7.6 million price against the same bill. The wrangle over the price of the van der Heyden revolves around an original valuation of £7 million by Christie's. The previous auction record

million. "On this occasion we felt very strongly that £7 million was unacceptable," said Mrs Heather Wilson, the commission's capital tax officer. She said she consulted experts both in the museum world and the trade in order to

back up her price. Meanwhile, Christie's still insist that the painting "was worth considerably more on the international market". rassed on a number of occasions in recent months when their estimates were too bullish, and Old Master works by Turner, Antonello da Messina and

Bernini have failed to sell. It is understood that Christie's based their van der Heyden valuation on a painting by another Dutchman, Cuyo. bought by the National Gallery recently for £8 million "Christie's based their valuation here on that," said a source.

"But this painting is not the same class." The nation has got the picture at a fair price, not a bargain price" said one of the commissioners. "It is a triumph for the inheritance system."

Negotiations have been embarrassing for Lord Rothschild, entailing as they did the roles of both buyer and seller. The gallery stresses the fact that it declined to play any part" in negotiations. Lord Rothschild, who as Mr Jacob

Princess Eugenie surprises bookies By Libby Juker THE Duke and Duchess of

York have named their sec-ond child Eugenie Victoria Helena, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday. She will be known as Prin

cess Eugenie of York. Well-wishers, many bearing flowers, said the Duchess ap-peared "fit and well" as she and her new daughter were driven away from the Port-land Hospital in London by

the Duke to their temporary home at Castlewood House,

near Egham, Surrey. Their choice of first name for the princess, sixth in line to the throne, surprised bookmakers, who had tipped Charlotte heavily as the favourite, with Sharon and Kylie as outside chances at 100-1.

The name is not without precedent in the Royal Family. Eugenie, a Greek name meaning "well born", was the granddaughter of Queen Victoria and daughter of Princess Beatrice, namesake of the Duke and Duchess's first

Helena, the new baby's third name, was Queen Victoria's third daughter.

Dr John Southgate, the Dean of York, suggested that York Minster might be used for the baptism. Buckingham Palace said no baptism arrangements had been made.

The Queen has appointed a test-tube baby specialist as her surgeon-gynaecologist, it was announced yesterday. Mr Marcus Setchell takes over from Sir George Pinker who is retiring after delivering about 20,000 babies including nine

The Duke and Duchess of York leaving the Portland Hospital with their second daughter, Engenie Victoria Helena

Palumbo scheme blocked

By Christopher Warman

THE long-running saga of the controversial redevelopment of the Mappin & Webb site of Victorian buildings in the City of London turned into a marathon yesterday when the Court of Appeal quashed a decision by Mr Nicholas Ridley, former Secretary of State for the Environment, to allow the demolition of eight listed buildings, which would have enabled Mr Peter Palumbo's

new scheme to proceed. The judges overturned a High Court decision last December which gave the goahead. Lord Justice Woolf, sitting with Lords Justices Parker and Nicholls, said he was quashing Mr Ridley's decision "with the greatest regret" but said it was "fatally

The court held that Mr Ridley had failed to give adequate reasons for his departure from policy.

The appeal was brought by Save Britain's Heritage. It hailed the decision as a fantastic victory".

The Secretary of State was refused leave to appeal to the Lords but the Environment Department said a transcript of the ruling was being studied closely before a decision was taken whether to seek leave

findings of the Science Faculty directly to the Liprds. Board of Examiners that he Mr Peter Palumbo, who has had employed, beyond reabeen planning the redevelop-ment for 20 years, said: "To-day's decision obviously sonable doubt, knowledge of examiners' solutions which could not have been honestly comes as a disappointmen particularly as we seem to be a Mr Foecke, aged 32, has victim of circumstances beyand our control. I shall now now exhausted the univer-sity's appeal machinery. He take the most detailed legal advice before deciding upon the next step, but I will never has vowed to continue the university secretary said: struggle to clear his name and will now approach the univergive up and I live to fight another day."

Collusion 'here to stay' in Ulster

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

THE, problem of collusion between "loyalist" terrorists and the security forces in Northern Ireland is imposible to eradicate, officers in the Stevens team investigating such links have concluded.

to be reflected in their report which, The Times has learnt, is likely to recommend a radical reform of the procedures for the bandling of intelligence information on terrorist suspects by the secunity forces.

The report, compiled by Mr John Stevens, Deputy Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, will be delivered to Mr Hugh Annesley, Chief Constable of the RUC, early next week and is bound to lead to further heated debate over the affair.

September last year after the Ulster Freedom Fighters, a loyalist terrorist group, jus-tified its murder of a Roman Catholic man by showing been received from members of the security forces.

To date 58 people have. either been charged or re-ported to the Director of Public Prosecutions by the inquiry team. Ten members of the Ulster Defence Regiment have been charged but no police officers.

The report is a substantial document which attempts to describe the extent of collusive activity in the past and to record the detailed investigations carried out over the past Mr Annesley called in Mr six months by Mr Stevens and

to investigate in his team of 20 detectives from mainland forces. It is expected to argue that, while collusive activity is

probably impossible to eradicate in an environment where security force personnel are the community and most of damental to the apprehension the violence is coming from the other, it can be kept to a minimum. This could be achieved by strict controls on intelligence handling and stiff penalties for abuse.

The key to Mr Stevens's recommendations is the creation of an auditing and accounting regime of intelligence material used by all the security forces in Northern

The report is likely to argue that new organizational structures are required in the

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security forces to monitor the movement of documents, and that duplication should be avoided where possible:

It recognizes the role of intelligence information and of suspects, but it argues for a new balance between distribution and security.

Central to its recommendations will be a new system of document identification and classification which will allow investigating officers to trace where, for example, a particular montage of suspects was originally produced, why it was produced, and to whom it was distributed.

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Iraq admits plan to import capacitors

By Michael Theodoulou, Nicosia, and Michael Evans, London

IRAQ admitted yesterday it as nuclear triggers were merely was trying to import electrical electrical capacitors." They capacitors of the kind seized at were used "for many indus-

nuclear weapons. An official of the Ministry of Industry and Military Industrialization accused Britain of inventing "a link an indictment in the case, between the normal use of any high advanced electronic or

mechanical component and military purposes". British Castoms officers have made it clear ever since the arrests on Wednesday that receiving a telex two years ago, the "40 electrical capacitors" which he said advised him

were specifically for use in a that Iraq was seeking capac-'nuclear detonation chain." The Iraqi official said: "The specifications. material which British authorities claimed to have are building a nuclear bomb,"

discovered at London Airport he said.

Heathrow airport this week, trial, scientific and engineer-but again denied it intended to ing purposes and in the fields use them as triggers for of electro-optics, fast electric discharge and plasma focusing systems". Prosecutors in San Diego,

California, who have released described the devices as "military electrical capacitors".

In San Diego yesterday, Mr Jerold Kowalksi, president of CSI Technologies, said his blood "turned cold" upon itors made to military,

" I told myself, these guys

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LORD Rothschild, chairman of the for van der Heyden is only £190,000. The Museums and Galleries Com-National Gallery trustees, has given a major Dutch 17th century paining to the nation in lieu of inheritance tax of mission, regarding the Christie's valua-tion as wildly inflated, fought for a year £2.8 million on the estate of his late to establish its own figure of £4 million. cousin. It has now been presented to the .Had the £7 million valuation been accepted by the commission, it would have settled tax liabilities of £4.9 National Gallery. But the deal was accepted only after a

> century". The news comes as Lord Rothschild

Prices are notoriously difficult to

predict. Christie's have been embar-

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Two Irishmen face charges on Kent barracks bombing

TWO Irishmen will be sion. The house backs on to on the site for seven weeks charged within two weeks in the barracks and it was from before the two men, one of connection with last year's there that the bombers are IRA bombing of the Deal barracks in Kent in which 11 Royal Marine bandsmen died. Lawyers for the Crown Prosecution Service were yesterday studying papers that senior Kent detectives say will lead to charges.

The two men, from Dublin and Belfast, are in custody on other charges. The break-through for officers investigating the explosion last September at the Royal Marines' School of Music came earlier this week with what one senior officer described as "the uncovering of vital new

A squad of Kent detectives has been attempting to track down the bombers since a bandsmen's recreation and changing room was destroyed by the IRA bomb. Ten musicians died immediately and the eleventh in October.

The search has concentrated on two Irishmen who rented a holiday home in Campbell

Editor's

contempt

charge

dismissed

IAN Hislop, editor of Private

thought to have planted the shotgun, arrived there on the device almost a week before it evening of December 21. went off.

A woman is also being sought in connection with the explosion but detectives said they had yet to learn her identity or whereabouts.

It is believed she may have been a courier who arrived at Dover from the Continent by ferry and left the country by the same route before the

Since the bombing, Kent officers have made extensive inquiries throughout Britain and undertaken complicated cross-checking of computer

Identikit pictures of the men who rented the Campbell Road house have also been The first break in the in-

quiry occurred shortly before Christmas when two men were arrested at the site of an arms cache on the west Wales coast at Newgale. Armed offi-cers from Dyfed-Powys police the Republic and sent to and Scotland Yard's anti-Britain and the Continent last Road, Deal, ostensibly for a cers from Dyfed-Powys police the Republic and sent to fortnight's fishing, less than and Scotland Yard's anti-three weeks before the explo-terrorist squad had kept watch summer to carry out attacks.

them allegedly armed with a

The arms cache included 100 pounds of Semtex explosive, automatic rifles and pistols, and detonators and timers. In a follow-up opera-tion in the Luton area of Bedfordshire, another 15lb of the explosive were found at what detectives believed was an IRA "safe" house.

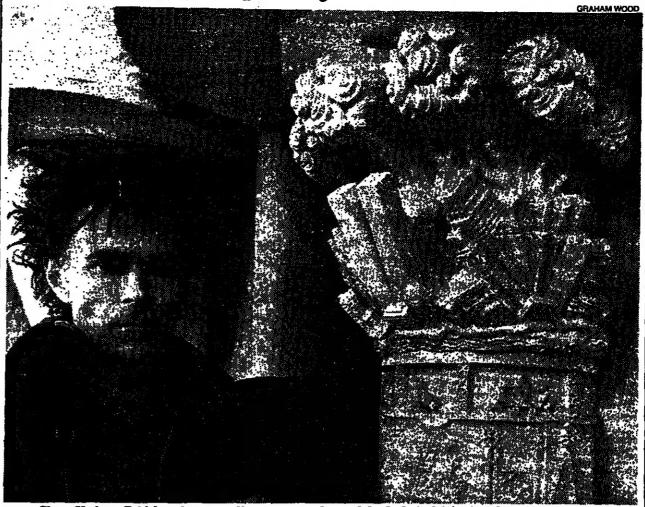
Other equipment, including wires, batteries and connectors, were also found in undergrowth in January less than a mile from the site of the original arms find.

Officially, Kent police will neither confirm that charges are imminent nor that they are questioning any suspects. Pri-vately, senior detectives said they were "delighted" with

developments.

They have believed all along that the perpetrators were not among known IRA terrorists but were part of a

Sculpted prophecy for US cathedral



Simon Verity, a British sculptor, standing next to a column of the Cathedral Church of St John the Divine in New York city. He has been commissioned to carve major and minor prophets for the great central portal of the building. Started in 1892, it will be the world's largest Gothic cathedral once construction is complete

Plot trial hears of police pressure

SOPHIA Wilberforce told the Birmingham Crown Court yesterday that vicious police interrogation made her paint a false picture of her aunt.

Pressure during eight hours of interviews led her to portray Lady Margaret

Illingworth as drunk, the court was told. Miss Wilberforce said: "It was very difficult to even form sentences. Detective Constable Longmore was very, very vicious. I could not think straight."

Hospital that Lady Illingworth was an alchoholic and that she had been trying

the M25 were yesterday jailed

kicked to death; another al-

a young mother was raped in

her own bed; a policeman

escaped death by ducking when a gun was fired at him

from 4ft, and more than 20

An elderly woman was told that if she did not hand over

her rings, her fingers would be

Randolf Johnson, aged 25, of no fixed address; Michael

Davis, aged 23, and Raphael

Rowe, aged 22, both of Lawrie

Park Road, Sydenham, south-

east London, were jailed for life by the Central Criminal

Court for murdering Mr

Peter Hurburgh, who was

dragged out of his car at

gunpoint. Mr Hurburgh and a

friend were tied up and gagged, and when Mr Hur-

burgh refused to hand over his

cash the gang kicked him and

jumped on his chest, smashing

The two men were doused

with petrol and one of the gang

walked round them with a

match. Mr Hurburgh, who had a weak heart, died as a

result of the attack

his rib cage.

homes were ransacked.

cut off.

for life for murder.

Life for killers in

M25 rampage

THREE "evil and dangerous" ness, who with his son Tim

members of a gang that fought the intruders. Mr Tim

most died after being stabbed; Hook was shot by Johnson

During the last three said it was only the months of 1988, one man was skill that saved him.

chest, back and arm. An artery

was severed. Mr Justice Auld

Police Constable Adrian

said it was only the surgeon's

after a high-speed chase, but

went on to arrest the gunman.

Johnson was jailed for 15

years for robbery, rape, and

causing grievous bodily harm.

The rape victim was a

woman in her thirties who.

with her husband, woke at

3.15 am to find the trio had

broken into their Surrey

home. The couple were tied up

and blindfolded; and Johnson

raped the woman on her bed.

Afterwards, he told her: "I'm

given concurrent 15-year sen-

tences for robbery, causing

grievous bodily harm, and

of Lawrie Park Road, who

joined the gang for some of the

The judge told Johnson

indulged in an orgy of vi-

Jason Cooper, aged 20, also

Rowe and Davis were also

sorry. Don't hate me."

firearms offences.

robbery.

The sentences are to run

concurrently.

Besides the life sentence.

to stop her drinking heavily since February 1984.

Baron Michael de Stempel, aged 60, Marcus Wilberforce, aged 28, and Miss Wilberforce, aged 27, all deny conspiring to steal Lady Margaret Illingworth's £500,000 fortune.

Baroness Susan de Stempel has pleaded guilty to five charges of theft and two of forgery.

The court heard that Lady Illingworth was admitted to hospital in December 1984 after allegedly smashing the win-dows of the family home in Docklow, Hereford and Worcester, with a

Miss Wilberforce said: When I was interviewed by police it was difficult to think about anything other than the image the policeman behind me was

"I did say that I had seen my great aunt

tipsy, and it was a mistake to say that she was drunk." Miss Wilberforce said she thought doctors had told her mother that Lady Illingworth had a drink problem.

She said she described her great aunt's housekeeper, Miss Cathy Wheeldon, as "cruel and malicious" because they were words suggested by police.

Mr Barnes suggested that Miss Wilberforce had known of her great aunt's wealth before she went to live with her in London in 1982. He went on to say that Miss Witherforce had attempted to find out more about Lady Illingworth's finances by searching through one of her handbags, which was found by the

housekeeper under her bed. Miss Wilberforce said: "I don't remember the incident. My great aunt

had lots of handbags." The trial continues on Monday.

Half-day strike for **Telecom** managers

BRITISH Telecom, which has announced a restructuring programme that could lead to 3,000 middle management redundancies, faces a half-day strike by the Society of Telecom Executives, the management trade union, next Friday.

The society has called the strike, after a ballot of its 30,000 members, over a dispute about pay offers foir the past two uears and a proposed new grading structure. Neso-tiations on the new management restructuring plans have yet to be opened.

Falklands zone

Britain's 150-mile protection zone around the Falkland Islands will be lifted today, eight years after the Argentine invasion (Michael Evans writes). Each side will give 25 days' notice of military manoenvres in certain areas.

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Boy detained

A boy, aged 14, who raped two girls aged 12 was ordered at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to be detained for three years. His friend, aged 16, was sentenced to nine months' custody for raping one of the girls at the Stockwell Park Estate, south London, last August.

Father jailed

Stephen Fox, aged 23, who shook his daughter Stephanie, aged three, so violently by the hair that he scalped her, was jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. The court was told that another child fathered by Fox had met its death at his hands in 1983.

Doctor Hardy

Robert Hardy, who plays the vet Siegfreid Farnon in the television series All Creatures Great and Small, yesterday exchanged his deerstalker for a scholar's cap and gown when he was made an honorary doctor of letters by the University of Reading:

By Jamie Detimer

shipping arms, surface-to-air missiles and Semtex explosive from Libya to the IRA, look set to be sent for trial on terrorism charges in Paris, it

ber 1987 have been held for

the past two years in Paris.

They have been moved regu-

larly between three prisons -

La Sante, Fresnes and Fleury-

Merogis. They are believed to

have refused to co-operate

with the inquiry carried out by

had skippered the four pre-

vious arms shipments from

Wicklow; Gabriel Cleary, aged

lin, who was a top bomb-

maker in the IRA; James

Doherty, aged 44, an elec-

trician from Co Donegal and a

known IRA member, and James Coll, aged 36, another

known IRA member from Co

Donesal Apart from Mr Hop-

investigating judge.

emerged yesterday. A 4,000-page report by the French investigating judge into the Eksund, which was intercepted carrying 150 tonnes of weaponry valued at £15 million, has been forward-ed to prosecutors for the

three months before the wife of the Yorkshire Ripper won confirm that the Eksund was the fifth in a series of arms against the magazine.

Outside court Mr Hislop IRA. It also establishes that high-ranking Libyan officials my pocket but now it will not supervised the transfer of freighters destined for the IRA

always said it was not what I The Attorney General claimed the two articles,

Mr Andrew Collins, QC, for 1984. the Attorney General, said the editor and the publishers had breached the 1981 Contempt of Court Act. He said it was an attempt to "prejudice the

But the attempt "badly backfired" and Mrs Sutcliffe was awarded the enormous sum of £600,000 libel damages against the magazine in May last year, later cut to £60,000

lished before the hearing took place and Mr Collins said it was an attempt to deter and dissuade Mrs Sutcliffe from bringing the action.

Hislop said it was not his intention to prejudice the trial or put pressure on Mrs Sutcliffe.

Eye, was jubilant yesterday after escaping a jail sentence or fine in the High Court for alleged contempt over li-bellous stories about Mrs Sonia Sutcliffe. Mr Justice Popplewell dismissed an attempt by Sir

Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, to commit or fine both Mr Hislop and the publishers of the magazine over two articles which cost them £100,000 in damages. He said he would give his reasons at a later date.

The articles appeared in the magazine in February 1989,

banana. Myself and Private Eye have been vindicated. I in 1985 and 1986.

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had intended." which wrongly alleged that Mrs Sutcliffe had knowingly given her husband, Peter Sutcliffe, a false alibi and had defrauded the DHSS, were intended to prejudice the trial.

course of justice and prejudice potential jurors".

on appeal. The two articles were pub-

In the witness box, Mr

He said he "very much regretted" that the articles had been published and wished to apologize to the court.

French report points to trial for Eksund five

THE five-man Irish crew of other crew members travelled the Eksund, the freighter on false passports taken from caught off Brittany in 1987 a batch of 100 stolen from the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs in 1984. The four shipments from Libya in 1985 and 1986 are

believed to have amounted to at least 120 tonnes. The first was in August 1985 carried aboard the Casamara, a con-verted yacht, which was loaded with 10 tonnes of weaponry during a ren-dezvous off the Maltese island of Gozo with the Libyan ship drawing up of charges.

Samra Africa. The cargo, comprising 500 boxes, contained Soviet-made Kalashnikov AK47 rifles, Taurus automatic pistols. hand-grenades and seven Belgian-made rocket-propelledgrenade launchers. The Casaunloaded at Clossa Strand, 40 miles south of Dublin.

In October 1985 the Casa-According to a report in mara appeared again, renamed the Kula. It carried a yesterday's Economist, there were three senior Libyan offurther 10 tonnes of equipficials overseeing the trade. ment to Clogga Strand, includ-One of them was involved in ing Soviet-made 12.70mm negotiating the release of the heavy anti-aircraft machinestaff at the Libyan People's guns, known as Dushkas. Bureau in London after the shooting of Woman Police

In July 1986, the Kula shipped 14 tonnes of weapons Constable Yvonne Fletcher in to the Irish Republic, that time the cargo included two The five Irishmen arrested Sam-7 missiles. on board the Eksund in Octo-

The last known completed arms shipment was made in September 1986 by a bigger vessel, the Villa. More than 80 tonnes of weaponry was loaded on board the Villa off Tripoli. The cargo included Czech-made Semtex explosive and 10 Sam-7s.

M Jean-Louis Bruguiere, the A new independent legal The five are: Adrian Hopappeals body is to be set up in the Irish Republic to examine kins, aged 49, the Eksund's captain, from Dublin, who possible miscarriages of justice. The Government has accepted a report commissioned by Mr Ray Burke, the Libya; Henry Cairns from Co Justice Minister, after the Guildford Four case last year. 45, from Priorstown, Co Dub-

Legislation is expected to be introduced shortly and this could become law by the end of the year. The report also recom-

mends that the questioning of suspects in police stations should take place before a video recorder.

Mr Timothy Barnes, QC, for the prosecution, suggested to Miss Wilberforce that both she and her mother had sought to portray Lady Illingworth as a "woman who drunk to great excess" as a means of offloading her on to the

He told the court that Baroness Susan de Stempel told doctors at Hereford

Alert for

nuns after

city attack

By Kerry Gill

POLICE were last night hunt-

ing a man who carried out a

sexual assault on a nun, aged

41, in Bellahouston Park,

Glasgow, as she was on her

She was forced into a car

and taken to the park, but

later freed by the man, said to

be well-dressed with an Eng-

Det Supt Joe Jackson said

the nun hailed a taxi and was

taken to her convent before

way to a Bible class.

lish accent.

Pollution 'worse than recognized'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

than previously recognized. according to the results of an investigation that ended

exploration by eight research vessels and 70 scientists from all of the countries bordering the North Sea, and the United States and Canada, to test new

being transferred to hospital Dr Tony Stebbing, from the where she underwent treatment for "serious injuries". "This is a bizarre, unusual and desperate attack and there is a distinct possibility it was targeted. I am concerned for the safety of nuns in the city. At the moment we are looking

Mr Jackson said. The attack occurred on Monday evening but police disclosed the details only

at all aspects of nuns' safety,

Police are looking for a tall, well-dressed Englishman in his mid-40s. Father Tom Connelly,

years for burglary and spokesman for the Catholic Church in Scotland, said: Any act of violence against a Davis and Rowe they had woman has to be deplored, but this one seems to be particuolence: "You are three evil larly dreadful. We must pray Later that night, the trio and dangerous men. You for this man's health as he broke into the home of Mr struck terror into your obviously is very sick and has

POLLUTION in the North many, when the researchers Sea and its impact on fisheries adopted the biological measand other marine life is greater urements as the most sensitive

vesterday. The findings come from an

and more precice methods for Adriatic coast, threatening to measuring contamination in submerge the local Italian living organisms.

Natural Environment Research Council's Plymouth Marine Laboratory and leader of the British group, believes less than I per cent of the estimated 50,000 contaminants in the marine environment is measured by chemical

analysis. Furthermore, chemical analysis cannot test for the "cocktail" effect of contaminants in which the combined toxicity to living organisms of tiny concentrations of pollutants is increased several times. The new methods of biological monitoring tested over

largely on techniques devel-

The results were discussed at the end of the voyages yesterday at a meeting at the Bremerhaven. West Ger- ist beaches.

oped at Plymouth.

indicator of threats to marine It should end disputes between scientists about the interpretation of each other's

measurements because of the different analytical techiques in use. • The squelching, rotting algae that lurks off the northern

tourist industry this summer,

is to be held at bay by a nylon

boom developed by Alba International of Aberdeen (Kerry Gill writes). A barrier will be anchored 600 metres out to sea to prevent the mass of pale brown sludge creeping to-

wards some of Europe's most popular beaches. The first consignment of equipment, which will be used to build the boom, leaves Scotland for Italy today.

The contracts, worth more than £600,000, have been awarded to Alba by a number of local authorities virtually panic stricken by the prospect the past three weeks are based of tourists disappearing in

their droves. Mr John McMurtrie, the company's managing director, said: "We are confident that our barriers will prevent the Alfred Wegener Institute at algae from polluting the tour-

Judges clear man of Notting Hill murder

A MAN jailed for life for murdering a street trader in a row over a can of Coca-Cola at the 1987 Notting Hill carnival was cleared by the Court of Appeal in London yesterday.

Alban Turner, aged 26, walked to freedom amid clapping and cheering from a court crowded with his supporters ofter the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, branded the main prosecution witness in the case a "lying witness". Lord Lane, who heard the

appeal with Mr Justice Roch and Mr Justice Judge, directed that a transcript of the fresh evidence given to the Appeal Court by Mr Kevin Sarbutts eartier this month should be sent to the Director of Public

Mr Sarbuns, of Elmridge, Skeimersdale, Lancashire, first came forward to implicate Mr Turner two months after the stabbing of Michael Galvin. During the appeal he said he had lied at the trial because of police pressure. Lord Lane said: "On any view Sarbutts has perverted

the course of justice by

committing deliberate per-

jury. Either he wickedly

caused a conviction of murder by voluntarily giving false evidence or, equally wickedly, he has now procured the release from prison of the man he knows to be guilty." It would be pointless to order Mr Turner to undergo

conviction was "unsatisfactory". The judge also rejected all allegations of police impropriety levelled by Mr Sarbutts. Pandemonium erupted in the corridor outside the court as news of the verdict reached supporters. They were joined by singing and cheering members of Mr Turner's family.

Mr Turner, asked how he felt when he heard Lord Lane's decision, said: "I was absolutely delighted." Mrs Susan Staveley, his solicitor, said: "He has maintained his innocence since the day he was arrested. Now we are happy to see a miscarriage

of justice has been righted." Mr Turner, who had his murder conviction quashed and sentence set aside, was ordered to serve a minimum 20 years of a life fail sentence by Judge Verney at Aylesbury Crown Court in December



Alban Turner giving a clenched-fist salute as he is

the Central Criminal Court Lord Lane said Mr Sarbutts had been a crucial witness at the Central Criminal Court

and at Aylesbury. He identified Mr Turner as the killer. But on the first anniversary of the conviction. Mr Sarbutts retracted his sworn evidence, Lord Lane szid. Mr Sarbutts convinced his evidence before

hugged by his mother outside court after being freed 1988, after an abortive trial at told a journalist he had been "terrorized" by detectives into framing Mr Turner. In statements to the Police Complaints Authority he repeated his allegations and said he had acted as he did through "a bit of fear and a bit of greed". He had received a £6,500 reward.

Lord Lane said: "We are

and Aylesbury was given voluntarily and was not the result of police misconduct."

Mr Sarbutts was highly intelligent, unprincipled and unreliable, Lord Lane said. The Appeal Court rejected his allegations that he had been bribed and beaten up by the police and had given £500 from his £6,500 reward to a senior officer.

The court had been troubled by the non-disclosure of Mr Sarbutts's full criminal record at the trials. Also worrying was the inability of the Central Criminal Court jury to reach a verdict. The prosecution had depended entirely upon Mr Sarbutts. Lord Lane said: "We believe that Sarbutts is a lying

'Given the crucial importance of this evidence from a self-confessed liar to Turner's conviction, and with the background of the previous jury disagreement and the fact that the second jury did not have quite the whole of the material evidence about his previous convictions, we have come to the conclusion that this con-

viction is not satisfactory."

Pop duo spent £700,000 in 18 months, court told

By Robin Young

THE squeaky clean, crophaired blond twins who constitute the pop group Bros are out of control in their spending, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday. So much so that Luke and Matt Goss are in a "serious" financial position, counsel for 3 Style Ltd. their former management

company, claimed. At a preliminary hearing in a legal battle between the twins and 3 Style, the com-pany's counsel, Mr Mark Cran QC, said the brothers had spent almost £700,000 in the space of 18 months.

Between April 1988 and Oclober 1989, Mr Cran said that the brothers, now aged 21, drew £693,000 for their personal spending. They spent £83,000 on limousines, £117,000 on personal security, £164,000 on clothes, and

£83,000 on travel. Mr Cran said the brothers' record company, CBS, apand then £6,000 a month into peared to be "over a million an account to be held pending pounds unrecouped". If the the full hearing, The £63,000

Court order requiring Bros to pay £63,000 into a special account as security until Style 3's case against them comes to they keep this money, they court, that money too was will simply spend it on cars likely to be spent by the

made an agreement that the company should receive 20 per cent commission on the stars' gross earnings. The management agreement was terminated by the brothers, who alleged breach of contract. The company, while not attempting to enforce the management terms of the agreement, was still claiming its 20 per cent until the date the contract should have ex-

The main hearing of the dispute is expected to take place in June or July. Earlier this month, a deputy High Court judge made an interim order that the brothers should pay a lump sum of £63,000 and then £6,000 a month into

pired, late next year.

court did not continue a High was due to be paid by the end of this month.

Mr Cran said: "Nobody is in control of these artistes. If and everything they have spent it on to this date, and we He said Bros and 3 Style had will never see it." Lords Justices Russell and

Leggatt granted Mr George Newman QC, counsel for Bros, a suspension of the High Court order pending an appeal on April 9. Mr Newman read a sworth statement by Mr Matt Goss saying their income had consisted of £30,000 a month

from CBS until July this year. They were due to be paid a £70,000 lump sum by CBS, but at least half of this would be used to pay part of almost £60,000 already owed by the brothers to American Express-After July, Bros would have

no other income until their third album was completed at the end of this year. The brothers did not have anything like £63,000 that could

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By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

AN ASSURANCE that Brit- problem: "We must get inflaain's economic prospects will have improved considerably else, investment, employby this time next year was ment, a healthy and competgiven to the Conservative itive industry, depends upon Central Council in Chelten- it.

Secretary to the Treasury, said the Government must not flinch from tough political mines company balance

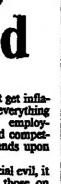
Although high interest rates and cheats savers."
brought their difficulties, the problems were nothing compared with those associated that the country could live with higher inflation.

The Government's policy was working and once excess came acceptance of higher demands had been removed, inflation tomorrow. "That is the economy would resume its why we have a tight fiscal upward trend with a lower policy and a tight monetary

"By this time next year, the prospects will look distinctly ighter. People will look back then and welcome our firm-

Mr Lamont said that interest rates policy would work, although it had taken longer than expected to slow down

Reducing inflation was a matter of political will: "We are determined to reduce it. We can do it. We did it before and we will do it again," he



"Inflation is a social evil, it Mr Norman Lamont, Chief hits the poor and those on fixed incomes. It disrupts industrial relations, undersheets, distorts investment

> He gave a warning against the siren voices that argued with inflation. Acceptance of modest inflation today bewhich we are determined to sustain.

> The truth is our economy needs to slow down after the extraordinary growth of recent years. That pause began last year and will continue this year. But it is surely not too much to ask the British people or British business to accept a pause for breath after such rapid and unprecedented growth." The Government was not relying solely on interest rates to cure inflation. Britain had one of the tightest fiscal positions in the world;

tion down because everything

Mr Lamont said there was no better ground on which to fight Labour at the next election than on inflation. They have no policy to tackle it and their public statements on it are a fraud. It is for our country's sake that we cannot

a surplus of taxes over spend-

ing greater than any country

"If we do not have the resolution and the nerve to see Conservative heartlands in our policies through, they will the South-east was jeopardiz-

Mr Michael Heseltine, with Sir John Stokes on his left, fields press questions about his leadership ambitious under control, and Britain had believe that privatization, ing the party's prospects at the railways. "Many of our

enterprise and incentive have all failed. We would be deserting the principles which have served this country well for a decade and have gone on to be ingly accepted through-

Earlier there was strong backing for the Government's attempts to bear down on inflation by the use of high

• Commuter chaos in the

Consested roads. crowded trains and soaring rail fares were increasingly becoming an electoral issue, representatives said during e transport debate.

Mrs Jo Hawkes, of Ashford, Kent, said the county had returned all Conservative MPs at the last general election, but efforts to repeat that achievement were being undermined by the lack of government interest in the

supporters are commut Railways were in a deplorable condition, timetables were slower than 18 years ago and trains were dirtier than at any time in the past decade.

Mr Mike Hughes, of Arundel, a British Rail, demanded the reinstatement of government subsidies for the railways, more investment in rolling stock, improved safety measures, and extra man-power for British Transport

Tebbit comes out fighting for mantle of the right

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Europe, Norman Tebbit has British membership of the Hong Kong The publication next week of the Bill giving British passports to 225,000 citizens of the colony will ensure that the leadership bid that Mr Tebbit launched on Thursday with 20 words to the Press Association gathers pace through the summer.

Mr Tebbit has already put himself at the head of 80 Tory MPs, mostly from the right but including some centrists and left wingers, committed to halting the legislation and so dealing another blow to Mrs Margaret Thatcher's waning

It is from that faction that the former chairman of the Conservative Party will hope to draw initial support as he marshals his troops for the leadership election that may never come. On Hong Kong, Mr Tebbit's lieutenants are Mr John Butcher, the centre right former junior minister, and Mr Bowen Wells, the moderate Tory MP for Hertford and Stortford.

Neither is thought to be natural Tebbit supporter in a contest precipitated by Mrs Thatcher's premature retirement, but the creation of the group gives some idea of Mr Tebbit's likely tactics as he advances himself as a rightwing standard bearer in a putative contest with Mr Heseltine. He will seek to build his support, estimated yesterday at no more than 25-50 backbenchers compared with about 100-150 for Mr Heseltine, by identifying himself with an agenda that offers

attractions to the right.

Conservative MPs yesterday responded with varying degrees of horror, dismay and delight to Mr Tebbit's confirmation of what has been widely known at Westminster since the 1987 general election and his resignation from the Cabinet - that he has not foresworn his ambitions.

As one well-connected right winger quality. Hong Kong has always been the vehicle for Mr Tebbit's leadership ambitions, a point recognized by his opponents, who include some also on the libertarian right, whose determination to support Mrs Thatcher over the

issue is fuelled by the belief that defeat will finish him. Insiders predicted that he

MICHAEL HESELTINE has U-turn later in the year on European Monetary System. Deep controversy over the issue could undermine furth Mrs Thatcher's position and so enhance the still remo

possibility that she will be forced to stand down. There are few at Westminster, especially among those with more than a passing acquaintance with the pre-eminent street-fighter in British politics, who accept Mr Tebbit's protestations of loyalty to Mrs

They believe that while he emains a friend ideologically, he has never forgiven her for the way she treated him as Tory chairman and campaign mastermind during the election. On top of that, the ambition of a man who clawed his way to the top from the humblest of beginnings should never be underestimated

As one senior backbenche put it "He wants to be leader and he does not care who he kills to get it. This is more anti-Thatcher than it is ant

Some conspiracy theorists even thought that Mr Tebbit's intervention was calculated to help Mr Heseltine. But the overall reaction from the kind of quarters where Mr Tebbit needs to draw support would have given him little encouragement. Leading mem-bers of the 80-strong 92 Group of Tory backbenchers, Mrs. Thatcher's self-styled prac-torian guard, many of whom are now toying with a Heseltine or Kenneth Baker candidacy if their champion were to retire, were privately critical of Mr Tebbit. They predicted that he would be no more than a "spoiling candidate", siphoning off votes from Mr Heseltine.

Mr Teddy Taylor, another right winger and anti-marketeer, and Sir Marcus Fox, a vice-chairman of the 1922 executive, both robustly de-fended Mr Tebbit's intervention, insisting it was designed to stop Mr Heseltine not unsent the Prime Minister.

In the final analysis, Mr Tebbit would be the only candidate offering the party a continuation of the radicalism that has marked the past decade plus a ferocious contempt for backsliding on socontroversial issues, possibly degree of support would be a barometer of how many of his; colleagues still believe that can sition to a prime ministerial remain a winning formula.

Timing of leadership stake appals party

By Andrew Pierce

REACTION on the con- Heseltine loomed large over ference floor to Mr Norms the conference. Tebbit's leadership declara-tion was one of despair. Representatives from the left and right of the party were appalled by the timing of the announcement. Labour's record lead in the

opinion polls, the community charge and high interest rates had already cast a bad light over the proceedings at

Cheltenham Town Hall battered spirits of the rank and file were snuffed out by the latest bout of speculation over Mrs Thatcher's position as

leader of the party. In spite of attempts by the Tory high command to play down Mr Tebbit's announce-

There was sharp criticism during the debate on the economy of Conservative, MPs who were plotting to oust: Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Simon Pearce, of Newham North West, said: "The party is the subject of a cold-blooded attempt to break its nerve and sap its confidence in the Prime Minister."

Mr David Evans, from Car-Any lingering hopes that the conference would revive the maintain strong leadership in the run-up to the next General Election. With the changes in Europe strong leadership was more important than at any time since the Second World War. He said: "It is the Prime Minister who provides us and the nation with that strong

Prince plans to transform a town

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

PRINCETOWN, the bleak moorland town known best for its proximity to Dartmoor prison, is to undergo a transformation by courtesy of its landlord, the Prince of Wales.

The Duchy of Cornwall is to unveil this weekend its proposals to bring more homes, jobs and a better shopping centre to the town. It will mount an exibition in

the Duchy Hotel and hold a forum to hear the views of local people on what it plans Talks have already been held with local planners and the Dartmoor National Park

It is hoped that the scheme will help to increase the population from 700 to 1,000. Many of the houses in the town have been sold to their

The Duchy, however, owns nearly 50 houses which have stood empty for several years. some of them derelict after being abandoned as prison officers' homes.

They will be refurbished or rebuilt, and in addition the Duchy is to make land available for new private sector

The Prince has taken a close interest in the town, visiting both the prison and the local public house The Prince of Wales, and his advisers have promised that houses will be offered at "affordable prices".

Under the proposals for the transformation there will be enore workshops and car parks, and also mentioned is the possibility of turning the present prison officers' mess-into a visitors' centre.

The overall scheme will take five years to complete, and it is hoped to start work

Labour lists Tory candidates for capping

THE Labour Party yesterday published a list of about 20 councils controlled by Conservatives which it said were candidates to have their community charge capped.

Mr Bryan Gould, the shadow Environment Secretary, issued the list in the wake of reports that the list of charge-capped local authorities that the Government is expected to issue next week will include few if any under Conservative control.

Mr David Hunt, the local govern-ment minister, said on BBC Radio 4 that no final decision had been taken. He said: "We do not look at the political complexion of a council, We look under the terms of the legislation at whether or not we have the power to exercise the charge capping responsibilities given to us by Parliament in order to move in and Mr Gould said however that the

Government was "trying to reopen an argument it has already lost". He said that all the evidence ggested that there was very little

difference between the behaviour of Labour and Conservative councils in setting the community charge. Although Labour totally rejected capping, which would lead to "deep cuts in services", Mr. Gould said that. the Government had to be seen to act impartially. He would await "with

interest" to see how many of the 20

Conservative councils he named would be included on the Govern-

Mr Gould's list included Mid Devon, Dartford, Leominster, Plymouth, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham, Elmbridge, Reigate and Banstead, South Oxfordshire, Black-pool, Bournemouth, Northampton, Kingston, Berkshire, Plymouth, Ken-sington and Chelsea, Soffolk, Solihull, Brentwood, Torbey, Charawood and Northery.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, called the poli tax a "cruel con trick" when he visited Worcester yesterday (Alan Taylor writes).

On his first visit to the city, Mr Kinneck told poll tax protesters that voters had seen through the Government's trick: "They've seen through the trick that says the tax is their council's fault, and they know the tax is profoundly unfair because it takes no account of ability to pay."

Mr Kinnock was aiming to boost Labour's general election chances in unexpected resignation of the incum-bent, Mr Peter Walker, who is Secretary of State for Wales.

He met a poll tax protester named Margaret Thatcher, a mother of four, who faces paying an extra £428 a year. She told him that the tax made it difficult for mothers to stay at home with their children.

● Mr Christopher Chope, the junior local government minister, announced yesterday that the Government intended to amend the law to exempt owners of holiday caravans from poll tax.

The Local Government Finance Act 1988 would be amended to ensure that caravans not occupied as a main residence would be treated as "nondomestic" and subject to the business

Ruling on double poll tax criticized

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

A POLL tax regulation which ket and deter landlords, but in allows a local authority to practice it may not be as charge landlords up to double serious as it looks. Landlords the individual charge for could bring in friends to empty properties was describ-ed yesterday as "ludicrous" by avoid the charge. This might ed yesterday as "ludicrous" by Mr Geoffrey Cutting, chair-man of the Small Landlords Association.

He said there would inevitably be times when properties were vacant, and the penalty would be worst in bedsitter land where a house was divided into several flats. "If one becomes vacant the landlord will then have to pay

up to double the poli tax." Under the Government's regulations, the local authority can charge up to a maximum of twice the fixed charge, and most have gone for the double option for an empty furnished property. For an unfurnished property the landlord is given three months' grace before a

Mr Cutting said: "There is a danger that this will adversely affect the private rentals mar-

His view was challenged by the Association of Residential association, said the regulation "does exactly the right

self out of the market."

the property was vacant, and now he will pay the community charge. It should encourage landlords to charge a reasonable and realistic rent, and then properties will let."

A 23-clause Bill to provide consumers with better guar-antees and to reform the law on

sale and supply of goods was cut down by 15 clauses by its Labour sponsor to save it from being "talked out" in the House of Commons yesterday.

The remnant, which will pro-

vide only an improved defi-nition of merchantable quality, was then given an unopposed third reading.

The Consumer Guarantees

Bill was subjected to long pro-cedural debate about the delay

in carrying a money resolution authorizing the spending of public money on one of the clauses.

At the end of the day's debate,

At the end of the day's debate, Mr Martyn Jones (Clwyd South West, Lab), sponsor of the Bill, moved amendments to delete from the Bill the clauses strengthening the law on guarantees, saying that he would rather the House accepted the shortened Bill than have the whole Bill lost.

Mr Eric Forth, Under Sec-retary of State for Industry and

had never been happy with the Bill because of its serious flaws

and difficulties. He would look at the whole area of guarantees

sumer Affairs, said that he

Aftermath of Hillsborough

said vesterday.

Mr Peter Wright said that the legal consequences would go on well into the 1990s.

report in charge of the South Yorkshire Police.

obscured the normal work of

He said that at the beginning contingency fund to pay for of the last financial year his the costs of the Hillsborough of the last financial year his force had a budget cut of 2 per inquiry, a stop was put on cent, a reduction of nearly £2 police and civilian recruitmillion in its funds. It led to cuts in the vehicle fleet, overtime, training and building maintenance.

Later in the year, because of



ment and a further £300,000 cut from the vehicle replacement programme. Mr Wright said it was

against that background that the results of 1989 had to be judged. Recorded crime in the force area rose by 6.06 per cent, while the detection rate fell from 46.46 per cent to 43.44 percent Mr Wright said that the on-

going effects of Hillsborough would continue "for some considerable time to come".

The West Midlands police has yet to submit its report to the Director of Public Prosecutions on whether there should be criminal prosecutions as a result of the tragedy, and that meant that the inquests on those who died were unlikely to be concluded be-

ment, the spectre of Mr leadership."

for better consumer protection tion to hold the comittee stage on the clause immediately was through proper guarantees. Mr Forth said that nobody in the standing committee had realized that a money resolution carried by 77 votes to nil.

Mr Forth said that he had done his best to discharge his responsibilities honourably. "Towards the end of last week, we established beyond reasonable doubt that a money

"I have never been happy with this Bill. I always thought that it contained serious flaws and difficulties. My advice has always been that it was probably irredeemable and irrecov-

amendments to delete all the consumer guarantee aspects. He said he did this with regret but thought it preferable to seeing MPs "talk out" his

The amendments were agreed and the report stage

that he had reservations about those parts of the Bill which had now been taken out because they were unworkshie.

Mr Nigel Griffiths, an Oppo-sition spokesman on trade and industry, said that it was said that the minister had damaged consumer affains by not accepting the Bill in its entirety. A Labour government would seek to introduce provisions embrac-

Mr Jones said that he had hoped that people who suffered from having bought shoddy goods would have better protection, with provision for replacements or refunds.

The Bill was read the third

Research on child cancer

MOVES to find out more about the "appalling affliction" of neuroblastoma, a childhood cancer, were announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for Health.

In an adjournment debate, he promised a search through the death certificates of children who had died from cancer to discover how many had suffered from the condition.

He said that the Medical: Research Council was considering, in consultation with his department, funding a large-scale screening trial using a technique based on testing of

eraged about 73, approximately one in every 10,000 live births and the number who died, about . 44 a year.

Mr Alfred Morris (Manchester, Wythenshawe, Lab) had said that statistics were Lab) had said that statistics were 10 years old and the number of children who died from this most dangerous of cancers was unknown to the Government. There should be purposeful

Kidney men 'tried only to save lives'

donor cards the three doctors would be quite wrong to end found to have acquiesced or his professional life. position they were, the General Medical Council was told resterday.

Mr Anthony Arlidge was ddressing the council's profecional conduct committee behalf of Dr Raymond rockett, a Harley Street kidsey specialist. The committee he had an excellent reputation logad a number of allegations as a clinician. He frequently goven against Dr Crockett. Mr Michael Bewick, a trans-Joyce, a urologist, who are serged with serious pro-It will not rule on the mis-

mek after it has heard defence acil submissions for all Mr Arlidge said that what-Dr Crockett did sprang moment wish to evade his the dreadful and tragic

duct charges until next

ng to receive kidneys.

To Dr Crockett erred, he ave the life of a patient in a today.

IF more people carried kidney chronic condition," he said. It

The records would show kidneys for transplant opera- that these doctors, faced with tions would not be in the an appalling dilemma in the position they were, the Gen-summer of 1988, were trying to save lives.

> Mr John Kirkham, a surgeon who knew Dr Crockett through working at the Humana Wellington Hospital in St Johns Wood, north London, told the committee as a clinician. He frequently visited patients in intensive care, and dealt with them carefully and competently.

> Mr John Goldring, QC, for Mr Joyce, the donor surgeon, said: "His [Mr Joyce's] integrity has not been touched by these proceedings. He was not involved for money, he told no lies, he did not deceive any fellow doctor." While Mr responsibility, the committee might conclude that he was

to see what properly could be the least culpable of the three done.

Discussion of the final stages of the Bill was delayed from the beginning of the day's sitting by doctors. The hearing continues

lead to a floating army of poll tax occupiers." Letting Agents. Mr Alan Thurlow, spokesman for the

thing" for the letting market. "The Government, tenant, reasonable landlord and letting agent do not want these properties to be left empty, and if they are empty it means the landlord has priced him-

He said: "Under the pre-vious system, a landlord would have to pay the rates if

still disrupting the police

THE aftermath of the Hills- effectiveness during the year." million from the operational borough football stadium disaster is continuing to affect the operational effectiveness of the police force which bore the brunt of the blame for the tragedy, its Chief Constable

Mr Wright, who is to retire at the end of next month, made his comments in the foreword to his last annual

In his report published yesterday, he said that the "shadow" of Hillsborough, in which 95 Liverpool supporters lost their lives in the crush on the Leppings Lane terraces, had in a public sense, all but

"Furthermore, the financial cost of Hillsborough has had a marked effect on resources and consequently upon our

with one clause of the Bill in

committee of the House. The clause had not been passed in the standing committee because of an error in not passing a money resolution earlier.

Mir Edward Leigh (Gains-borough and Horncastle, C) said

that there was no precedent for a private Member's Bill to be recommitted to a committee of

the whole House because of

Mr Peter Wright: Force still troubled by disaster

Consumer Bill pruned to avoid rejection Mr David Wilshire (Speithorne, C) said that was non-sense. It was possible to be concerned about procedural matters without being against the objectives of the Bill.

It was dangerous to play fast and loose with the procedures of a sovereign Parliament just because the intentions of a Bill were laudable, Mr Roger Gale (Thaner North, C), a supporter of the Bill, said that it was seeking to give consumer marseeking to give consumer guar-antees which were worth the paper they were written on, to

see that they were written clearly

The Commons should not

and meant something.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that the money resolution had been passed on Thursday night. There was no procedural obligation on the House to re-commit the Bill to the standing committee, but a committee of the whole House could regularize the situation

Mr Peter Viggers (Gosport, C) described the situation as "monstrous". He objected to the clause on enforcement being The Bill was defective. The sponsor of the Bill, Mr Martyn Jones, must take res-ponsibility for the error.

Mr Nigel Griffiths, an Oppo-sition spokesman on trade and industry, accused the Conser-vatives of an orchestrated ar-

send out a message that it clause was carried by 85 votes to mil. After further debute the me

Mr Frank Haynes (Ashfield, Lab) said that Mr Forth was making clear that the Govern-ment did not want the Bill. "He has organized this lot (Conservative MPs). They are filibustering instead of making progress."

resolution was required for the Bill, I was then told that this had to be done, by convention, by the Government and in Gov-

to update the Sale of Goods Act and he therefore supported part of the Bill which would do that He would look at the whole area of guarantees to see what properly could be done.

On the report stage, Mr Jones moved one of a series of

On third reading, Mr Forth said that he could recommend the Bill as it now stood. He had always made it clear

ng the whole Bill.

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tal's Claymore oil platform that could have led to exten-

sive damage and a risk to lives (Kerry Gill writes). A large bolt was found in

one of the gas compressor units on the installation, which has a complement of 350 men. Occidental con-

demned the action as a "stu-

Claymore is the sister in-stallation of Piper Alpha,

which blew up in a series of explosions in July 1988 with the loss of 167 lives.

It was during reconstruction

work on the Claymore rig that

the metal bolt was found on Wednesday night.

Police traced the last known steps of Mrs Stephanie Whit-

taker, aged 38, in an effort to find clues to her disappearance after she left her home for a prayer meeting in Newport, Gwent, more than a week ago.

Brent eviction

Miss Diana Collymore, aged

43, a Labour councillor in Brent, north London, is to be

evicted by her own town hall bailiffs for failing to pay

£6,000 in rent arrears, after a

Archaeologists are using bull-

dozers in a last-minute at-

tempt to uncover remaining

artefacts from a Roman fort

before the site at Exeter, Devon, becomes into a car

Absent prisoner

Police are investigating the

disappearance of Dennis Wil-

kinson, aged 27, a remand

prisoner at Pentonville, north

London, who was reported missing from an 11.45am roll-

judge rejected her appeal.

Bulldozer dig

Final steps

pid and irresponsible act".

Credibility problem dogs Stevens inquiry



Mr Stevens: Failed to charge any police officers

THE investigation into allegations of collusion between "loyalist" ter-rorists and the security forces in Northern Ireland has been dogged by a credibility problem that still lingers at the inquiry's conclusion.

It surprised no-one that, even before Mr John Stevens began the inquiry, his efforts were already being written off — not only by Sinn Fein — as part of a cover-up or gov-ernment-sponsored "whitewash" to appease critics in Dublin.

Mr Stevens, deputy chief con-stable of Cambridgeshire, repeat-edly made clear, as did Mr Hugh Annesley, chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, that his inquiry would not only be rigorous but would follow leads wherever they were found and press them to their conclusion, whatever the con-

most conspicuous feature of the investigation is that Mr Stevens has failed to press charges against a single police officer in spite of recent court cases and other public disclo-sures that have made it clear that leaked photomontages of republican terrorist suspects originated from

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that Mr Stevens either took a formal decision or just drifted away from an investigation of the RUC, mind-ful perhaps of the explosive con-sequences. Token arrests of police officers to redress that balance cannot be ruled out.

Sources close to the team strenuously deny that there has been any attempt to avoid investigating RUC officers. They say policemen have been questioned but claim the police are more skilful at covering their tracks than, for example, Regiment. Mr Stevens' detectives have no doubt, however, that RUC officers have been involved in unauthorized leaks.

One interpretation in some military circles is that Mr Stevens never stood a chance when it came to investigating the RUC. From the outset his team worked from police premises, inevitably relied on police advice and security, and worked in pairs with RUC officers.

The focus thus immediately shifted from the RUC to the UDR and "loyalist" terrorist groups such as the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force.

Very early on Mr Stevens ordered the arrest of 28 UDR members in dawn raids in Belfast and Co Down in an operation which, it was said at the time, was unnecessary and insensitive and immediately led to suspicions in some military circles

Stevens as part of a "vendetta" against the UDR. Senior government sources have said the UDR is serving, whether by accident or design, as a whipping boy for the security forces, conveniently deflec-ting criticism from the RUC.

The Stevens investigation has nevertheless accumulated an imcharged, even though a significant proportion of the offences do not involve collusive activity and noone has been charged with the key offence of handing material on, as opposed to being in receipt of it.

The 58 people charged or reported to the Director of Public Prosecu-tions include 34 for collecting, recording or possessing information likely to be of use to terrorists; 10 for firearm offences; three for intimidation, and one for offences associated with the unlawful possession of an

has charged 10 UDR members (though it arrested more than 30), 26 members of the UDA and its paramilitary wing the Ulster Freedom Fighters (50 arrested), and six UVF members. This has been achieved in the face of concerted opposition from the UDA, which eatedly attempted to embarrass Mr Stevens, and from within the UDR and sections of the RUC. which consistently undermined statements by the chief constable

that Mr Stevens enjoyed the fullest co-operation of his force. Mr Stevens also had to contend with a fire at his original head-quarters at Carrickfergus outside Belfast on January 10 that badly damaged the control room, destroying computer terminals and files. It is thought a number of files.

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School wins opt-out battle after defying council stand

BEECHEN CLIFF, the Bath lete Sir Roger Bannister, was yesterday given clearance to opt out of local authority

Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced yesterday that the school could do so under its new head, Mr Roy Ludlow, when the sum-

mer term begins on April 23. Mr MacGregor had been ordered by the High Court last month to reconsider both the proposal for the school to opt out and the county council reorganization scheme that

would have turned Beechen Cliff into a sixth-form college. The High Court blocked the original decision to allow the school to opt out of the control of Avon County Council. -

Mr MacGregor's decision will come as a relief to the

Mr Michael Cross, chairman of governors, said: "I am relieved that the uncertainty has been resolved. We shall now want to go on to make a superb grant-maintained school at Beechen Cliff which will be a beacon of excellence

in the South-west." Avon school that educated the ath- County Council said it would be seeking advice from the council solicitor to decide its the next move.

The news may not be greeted with wholehearted enthusiasm by the staff.

Mr Michael Oura, the acting head who has been running the school for the past two years, said: "The staff have been in a very difficult position. They did not know who their boss would be and feared that they might be the victims of revenge if they spoke out."

Mr Oura took over the school when Mr Donald Stephens, the head, died in a climbing accident on a school trip to the French Alps in the summer of 1988.

He is proud of the school, which this year produced its best A level results and has had continuing success on the sports field: two boys have signed on with Somerset County Cricket Club.

Most of the 50 staff at the school will stay. Others may be looking for alternative posts or may decide to take early retirement. The only member of staff to say that she ation and who has four boys at

will resign is Mrs Annie Marjoram, head of special needs at the school and presiopting out in the ballot; of the 66 per cent of parents who dent of Bath Labour Party. voted, 55.4 per cent voted in Mr Cross said she spoke for favour.
a minority of the staff: "There "We

is no exodus now and there

the one who took the public

stand to say that under no

circumstances would I teach

in an opted-out school. There

than closure. They do not like

it but they will accept it. The

majority will stay to make it

Mr Oura is certain that the

840 boys at the school have

not been affected. He said:

"They have been very little

Mrs Josie Baskerville, presi-

dent of the Parents' Associ-

rule, the offender would still

be male and be a semi-skilled

Of the 274 drivers aged

under 20 who were tested,

none produced a positive

reading. Of the total of 3,400

motorists breath-tested, 1.5

renewed appeal from Mr Peter

Joslin, chairman of the Association of Chief Police

Officers' traffic committee, for

the Government to give police

He could not understand

why the Home Office, in the

face of "overwhelming evi-

dence" that the public would

support random testing, had

Mrs Barbara Castle, who as

Labour minister in 1967

introduced the breath test,

said she supported random

made in reducing alcohol-re-

lated road deaths but further

substantial progress was only

likely to be made if more

drink-drivers feared they

According to new figures disclosed at the conference,

760 people were killed

through drink-driving in 1988,

320 of whom were innocent

victims such as drivers of

would be caught.

Great strides had been

rejected the request.

wider powers to test drivers.

The conference was told of a

affected and have accepted it

as a game that actults play."

Mrs Marjoram said: "I am

will not be one.",

"We just wanted it resolved so that we can get on," Mrs

 College lecturers have failed to vote clearly on whether or not to accept an 8.5 per cent pay offer recommended by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service and their union leaders are now to seek

are loss of people here who are trapped and are deeply un-easy, but do not feel they can take as strong a line initially." further negotiations.
The National Association of Mr Dai Morris, who has Teachers in Further and Higher Education said yes-terday that the ballot held by the Electoral Reform Society been an English teacher at Beechen Cliff for 20 years, said: "The majority of the staff were unhappy about opting out, but accept that it is better was "virtually 50-50".

A spokesman said the union had asked for a recount, but added: "We think the result will remain much the same, so the national executive are to return to Acas on Monday to reopen negotiations."

The 8.5 per cent pay offer was backdated from April last year, with a further 0.5 per cent from last September.

The year-long dispute at the colleges included a sevenmonth examination boycott.

Students poll pact alleged

Mr Hawkes said that at least

In return for guaranteed support for the Labour students' presidential candidate, Mr Stephen Twigg, Nols had agreed not to to put up candidates opposing the Left Unity runners for two places representing further education colleges and national sec-

Mr Twigg last night denied that there had been any agree-ment between Nols and Left

Paramedics man motorcycles

Diver verdict

call yesterday.

Joseph Fox, aged 41, a sub-aqua diver of Keighley, West Yorkshire, died after swallowing sea water on a diving trip at Oban, a Bradford inquest was told yesterday.

Soccer death

Kieron Ferris, aged 29, a Cardiff football supporter. died on a boat train after a drinking binge on a trip to watch Wales play in Dublin.

Itchy business

Doctors are carrying out tests on postal sorting office workers at Ringwood, Hampshire, after dozens of them complained of itches and rashes.

Rape arrest A man has been arrested and is being questioned by police in connection with the rape of a girl aged seven at Amer-

sham, Buckinghamshire. Woman missing

Police are searching for Mrs Sylvia Cory, aged 69, who is believed to have been in a confused state" when she disappeared on Thursday evening while walking her dog at Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Minorities are 'nursed grudgingly'

NURSES discriminate a patients from minority groups, it was claimed yesterday at the annual congress of the Royal College of Nursing in Brighton.

During a discussion on whether the college should formally recognize special interest groups, notably the lesbian nurses group, Miss Hazei Platzer, a member of the college's unofficial lesbian nurses group, said: "We know that lesbian patients and lots of other minority groups often receive really bad treatment."

Miss Wendyl Harris from Bloomsbury said nursing staff had ignored the call light of a lesbian patient and paid no attention to her apart from giving prescribed medicines. Nursing care was given very grudgingly to the patient." However other delegates

emphasized that special interest groups in the college should be related only to professional matters. "If we start groups for nurses' personal interests the list would be endless and could include groups such as single parents, political parties, hang gliders and communists. Miss Rosalin Pennington from Nottingham said.

Earlier, delegates gave overwhelming backing to a motion calling on the college to review its policies on sexual harassment and racial harassment. Speakers said that, although both were widespread in the health service, 72 per cent of health authorities had no poli-

Unskilled young men most likely to drink and drive

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

THE TYPICAL drink-driving warnings about drink-driving. offender is male, aged 20 to A study conducted in Wilt-29, non-professional in occu-shire last autumn suggested 29, non-professional in occu-shire last autumn suggested pation with a strong pref- that the typical offender might erence for beer, government now be aged 30 to 39. As a research has found.

Drivers with blood-alcohol levels twice the legal limit are or unskilled worker.

10 times more likely to be Of the 274 drive involved in serious accidents than those below the limit, according to the research. Only 5 per cent of drivers

and motor cyclists breath-tested failed but, of those, The conference nearly half had drunk twice the legal limit. The survey, enabling British

researchers for the first time to assess accident risks arising from drink-driving, found that the danger rose exponentially the more a driver had consumed. For example, the risk of a driver crashing who had exceeded the limit by 250 per cent was nearly 20 times greater than one who was below the limit.

The findings of the study, conducted by Nottingham-shire police and the government-funded Transport Road Research Laboratory, were explained yesterday at a con-ference on drink-driving at Essex University.

Its conclusion, however, that the average offender is likely to be in his 20s was partly challenged by Mr Philip Martin, an official at the Department of Transport. He said recent research had shown that younger motorists were increasingly heeding other cars or pedestrians.

By Sam Kiley Higher Education Reporter

THE leading Independent candidate for the presidency of the National Union of Students, Mr Cosmo Hawkes, said yesterday that the Labour Party had forged an electoral pact with students from the far left to head off his challenge.

five area organizers for the National Organization of Labour Students (Nols) had joined his camp in protest at the deal struck with Left

retary, he said.

Delegates from 800 colleges in Britain will meet in Blackpool on Monday to decide the future of the National Union of Studants. This year's election for the national executive and president is likely to be the closest for years.

A key issue will be the stand taken over the community charge by Mr Hawkes, who supports the union's policy of non-payment, and Mr Twigg who, while bound to support the policy, has stated that he will pay his own poll tax, in line with the Labour Party's

LEADING Ambalanceman Raymond Lugg enced motorcyclists have volunteered for the setting off on a test ride yesterday as Britain's six-month pilot project. They have completed a first paramedic motorcycle ambulancemen prepare to take to the roads of the West Midlands. The pioneering scheme is designed to overcome traffic congestion and to get rapid

medical help to victims of accidents and other emergencies (Craig Seton writes). The West Midlands Ambulance Service has taken delivery of two 588cc Norton Commander motorcycles equipped with sirens and flashing blue lights and fitted with panniers to carry life-saving apparatus. Three qualified paramedic ambulancemen who are also experi-

six-month pilot project. They have completed a training course with West Midlands police. The two rapid intervention motorcycles and

their riders will be on stand-by five days a week between 7am and midnight. One is to be based in Solihull and the other in the Black Country. Mr Stephen Evans, the West Midlands Ambulance Service's public relations manager, said yesterday: "If the pilot scheme is successful, we hope to get more motorcycles." The motorcycles will carry a cardiac monitor, defibriliator, airway management equipment, fluids for setting up drips and basic first aid.

Cannon-balls scupper Stevenson novel

THE existence of two cannon- the Napoleonic Wars who ignored by Sir Arthur who Sir Arthur's version, St Ives

balls fired at the Hebridean island of Islay by a maranding American privateer has provided the basis for a new ending to Robert Louis Stevenson's novel St Ives.

Stevenson's unfinished novel will be published next week with the final chapters completely rewritten by Mrs Jenni Calder, one of his biographers, and aided by

tle. The book recounts St Ives' exploits as he makes his way back to France. The book was completed by the novelist Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, who published in 1897. However, according to Mrs Calder, Sir Arthur got the last six chapters

set for St Ives' escape from for shot-putt contests until Edinburgh Castle using a bal-earlier this century. Mrs Cal-Stevenson died before com-pleting the adventures of St unwritten chapter, "The True lves, a French prisoner during Blooded Yankee", which was

escaped from Edinburgh Cas- refused to believe American privateers plied British waters during the war with America between 1812 and 1814.

Research shows that the

True Blooded Yankee did exist and Stevenson must have heard of its raid on Bowmore, Islay, in 1813, when it lobbed two cannon-When Stevenson died in balls at the hapless villagers; Samoa in 1894 the scene was the cannon-balls were used earlier this century. Mrs Cal-

made his way to the English Channel in the balloon, but was recaptured. He was then saved by an American ship and eventually returned to marry a girl he met in Edinburgh Castle.

Mrs Calder uses research by the historian Mr Robert Storey, who believes Stevensor learnt of the American raid from his grandfather. She is convinced St Ives was to have flown in the balloon to Islay where he was rescued by the True Blooded Yankee.

Barristers advertise counsel at up to £1,000 a day

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent A SET of barristers has broken the newest qualified member

new ground by publishing the of chambers. daily changing rates of its members in the chambers' brochure. The chambers, at Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, is one of a number to have produced

brochures under the Bar's new

thought to be the only one to publish a full list of what counsel charge. Advertising restrictions and other rules about how barristers practise and where they set up have been swept away under a new Bar code of conduct, which comes into

force today. The guideline charging rates for a full day's paperwork (six chargeable hours) or for a day's retresher in a straightforward case range from £750 to £1,000 for Mr Nicholas Stewert, QC, with 16 years in practice, to £150 to £250 for Guideline charging rates

One member, Miss Linden Ife (five years in practice, £350-£500 daily charging rate), said: "We felt this was information that solicitors and the lay client were entitled to have.

"It certainly makes their freedom to advertise. But it is lives easier, rather than ringing up the clerk on an ad hoc basis every time." Clients had been pleasantly

surprised, she said. "There is a mistaken belief that barristers charge huge fees. But they find the fees compare favourably with solicitors because, of course, we do not have the overheads that they do."

Mr Jeremy Woodruff, first junior clerk in the chambers, confirmed the response from solicitors was good.

(as at April 1989, under review)

750-1,000 500-750 500-750 400-750 Nicholas Stewart QC Benjamin Levy Anthony Mann Timothy Jennings Victor Joffe John Brookes 500-650 David Halpern 350-600 350-500 Caroline Hutton Linden Ite Leslie Michaelson 300-450 300-400 Peter Arden 300-400 200-400 Geoffrey Zelin Jacqueline Baker James Barker Anthony de Garr Robinson 150-250 The guideline rates represent the normal ranges of charge for a full day's paperwork (six chargeable hours or a day's refresher in a case with no special feature such as unusual urgency or complexity). Shells are subject to negotiation in the usual way.

what counsel's fees would be conduct comes in today, when they are speaking to and it did not look good if they advertising restrictions were

chents what they are going to be looking at." Quite often solicitors were asked by clients the Bar's new liberal code of

many do not give vital and insurance. information.

instance, which solicitors find useful, are usually excluded, judges of the competition said ever to solicitors or lay clients. Mr David Latham, QC, chairman of the Bar working party on the new code, said that some members had appreciated the change and themselves quite aggressively for this work. with strong brochures".

et appreciated what was happening or had no wish to "promote" themselves. "The large soggy mass is still slightly

The new code also allows blowing," Mr Henderson said.

chambers brochures have bur- practice on their own, whergeoned. Some are more imagi-native than others. A recent weet certain requirements on brochure competition found administrative arrangements

nformation. A number were already Barristers' dates of birth, for doing this, and even working from home, Mr Latham said. The next move will be a new but his or her Ion of Court is Bar Guide, in which solicitors often mentioned, although the or members of the public can look up barristers and read that was of no interest what- about their work and possibly ever to solicitors or lay clients. what cases they have under-

. Mr Roger Henderson, QC, chairman of the Bar's public affairs committee, said: "A 'beauty contest' was shortly to were going out to "market be held for publishers to pitch

ith strong brochures". "Although the traditional But others, he said, had not view of the Bar had been against publicizing cases, people were now prepared to think again about it as long as the client agreed.
"The wind of change is

estimated that courts will Scotland.

New debt collection system frees courts

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

CREDITORS will be en- handle less than one third c radical changes, effective from tomorrow, in the way county courts handle debt collection. Under the present system,

which has been in effect since the establishment of the county courts 140 years ago, debtors make payments into court, known as "suitor's cash", which are then accounted for and paid to creditors on a weekly basis.

instead most payments in county court disputes will be payment. made direct to creditors. The streamlined procedures advice, with forms written in will relieve the county courts plain English; and have

of much administrative work wider choice of how an and release some 300 staff for other duties.

couraged to make direct con- the payments dealt with a tact with their debtors under present. They will deal only with those payments consic ered to be most straight forward, such as payment of earnings orders. Creditors will be en

couraged to have direct cor tact with debtors after judg ment; will receive paymen quickly; will be better in formed about the state of case and may receive mor That will be abolished and payments as a result of few restrictions on methods Debtors will receive cle

where they pay.

The procedures bring En Under the new system it is land and Wales into line wil

Bush sends letter to Gorbachov on crisis in Vilnius

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

A PERSONAL letter from President Bush to President Gorbachov was handed to the Kremlin yesterday as Western statesmen urged caution and

Neither side would reveal what Mr Bush said in the message, handed to Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, by the US Charge d'Affaires.

But, coming a week before Mr Shevardnadze's visit to Washington for preparatory talks on the June summit, it almost certainly dealt with the Lithuanian crisis.

Mr Bush has refrained from strong public comment on the Soviet actions in Lithuania, but diplomats here suggest he may be taking a tougher line in private to warn President Gorbachov of the severe repercussions on US-Soviet relations of full-scale Soviet intervention in Lithuania.

The situation in Lithuania vas discussed yesterday by Mrs Thatcher and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany in talks in London. "We agreed it is absolutely vital that it be resolved by dialogue and discussion", Mrs Thatcher said.

Lithuania was also on the agenda of talks which Mr with M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, making a one-day visit to Moscow. M Dumas said before leaving Paris that he negotiations with Vilnius, while emphasizing that the republic's right to sovereignty

Despite Soviet reports of continuing tension and com-

urator, Mr Arturas Palauskas,

was dismissed yesterday by

Moscow and replaced with an

officer from the legal division

But backed by the Lithua-

nounced that they will con-

Parliament, and a split in the

Lithusnia, and Mr Palauskas

uty president Kazimieras Motieka suid. "If Moscow

wants to create a separate one,

let them." Sitting in his office,

Mr Palanskas said:"I am the

procurator of Lithuania, and I will stay here unless soldiers

the Soviet First Deputy Gen-

eral Procurator, Mr Alexei Vassiliev, told him he had

been dismissed for "violating

the constitution of the Soviet Union and breaking links with

my superiors in Moscow."
Tass and other Soviet agen-

eses have been reporting "in-

creased crime" in Lithuania,

including attacks on Soviet

eclaration of independence.

the British Government

tere to declare its attitude lapre firmly, said Mrs Laima

tendrikiene, a Lithuanian MP.

"We believe it would be a rest beip for us and at the ame time for Mr Gorbachov

Mr Palauskas told me that

come to remove me."

There is one Procuracy in

department is imminent.

was a noticeable easing of the and Azerbaijan. In the past few days there has been a vesterday.

However, the KGB defiantly announced here that it would continue its work in Lithuania despite a reported threat by the republic's parliament to punish those cooperating with the agency. The KGB gave a warning that it would punish anyone who tried to stop it fulfilling its functions in Lithuania.

And the Deputy Chief of the Soviet General Staff told Tass that preparations for the spring military call-up were being thwarted in Lithuania. He said it was impossible to sions in some districts. Tass reported "an atmosphere of hysteria and intimidation" in the republic, and said groups of 100 to 500 volunteers, including army deserters, were being set up in units on the pretext of organizing resis-

Moscow was also confronted with growing unrest in other republics. Pravda yes-terday denounced the increasing activity of nationalist forces in the Ukraine, where the Rukh popular front scored an impressive win in recent local and republican elections.

The paper said Rukh aimed to lead the Ukraine out of the Soviet Union with a programme for total independence. It said Rukh "incrand accord but its intolerance array of sound forces" - a reference presumably to the

Lawyers split as Moscow

sacks top legal official

From Anatol Leiven, Vilnius

until yesterday Chief Military

Procurator in the Riga garri-

son. He is by origin a

pointed only last week by the

man Government, most of the Lithuanian Parliament to re- all but 14 of about 110 officials

place Mr Vidutis Barauskas.

Sajudis member and now

The Procuracy has much

of the Director of Public

Prosecutions in England.

Rooted in the Roman Law of

the old Russian empire, these

powers are analogous to those

of "examining magistrate" in

all cases for trial and supervis-

The scenes in the Procuracy

building in Vilnius's Gogol

legal officials in a state of high

emotion. At a meeting of staff

dismissed, officials burst into

Mr Egidijus Bickauskas, him-

applause as a Sajudis deputy,

self a lawyer, called upon them

to reaffirm and support the right of the people of Lithus-

nia to freedom, dignity and self-determination."

Although Mrs Thatcher has

urged President Gorbachov to

exercise restraint over Lithus-

nia, the Government has not

ing the work of the police.

France and include preparing power

secretary to the Praesidium.

who in turn was appointed last room.

previous Procurator, Mr tile questions, Mr Vassiliev Ludvikas Sabutis, a leading carried off his role of legal

Street yesterday were full of constitution may be changed;

drama and irony - with sober but for the moment the

THE Lithuanian state proc- Colonel Antanas Petrauskas,

tinue to obey the chief year by Moscow to replace the appointed by the Lithuanian previous Procurator. Mr

is its chief." Lithuanian dep-greater powers than the office

oldiers, and failure of the to continue to obey the orders

ithunnian procuracy to stop of Mr Palauskas as the legally

m. Moscow's appointed is appointed Procurator. Only

Lithuanian MP flies

home disappointed

A LITHUANIAN envoy left ter stopped short of asking for

condon yesterday critical of an open declaration of recog-hat she called Britain's con-nition of Lithuanian indepeninging prevarication over dence, calling instead on the coognizing the republic's people of Britain "to continue

She flew to Britain on formally recognized the self-

hursday to deliver to Mrs proclaimed state, even though

hancher a letter from Mr it has maintained the

results Landsbergis, the accreditation of a Lithuanian

thuanian president. The let- charge d'affaires since 1938.

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

the border between the two republics and one person has been killed

Interior Ministry troops have been strengthened in the region, and Soviet soldiers grenades, rifles and shotguns. Azerbaijani deputies have sent a letter to Mr Gorbachov asking him to step up security and declare a state of emergency in border areas.

A similar appeal to Mr

Gorbachov was sent by pro-Moscow deputies in Molda-via, who complained yes-terday that 28 Russian-speaking deputies were beaten up on Wednesday. They accused the Moldavian Popular Front of planning to disrupt the Moldavian parliament. In Latvia, the Communist Party held a conference to discuss its congress scheduled

for April 14, at which the independent party will debate changing its name and drop-ping the word "communist". And in Estonia, the parliament, meeting on the sec-ond day of its session, came pre-war independence. A majority of deputies sup-ported resolutions and mo-tions condemning the Soviet occupation of Estonia and

and the organizational dis- itical groupings: the Popular Front being the largest with 43 of the 105 seats, and the others poor morale and collapsing including republicans, intell-authority of the Ukrainian ectuals, proponents of equal ectuals, proponents of equal ments clearly intended to keep Communist Party. rights, agrarians and a group up the pressure on President Meanwhile, violence has calling for the restoration of Vytautas Landsbergis, there flared up again in Armenia the old pre-war republic.

one row, composed of Soviet

loyalists and officials sent

from Moscow, sat silent, stoney-faced When Mr

Bickauskas declared that

"since I can't ask Mr Vassiliev

Answering a barrage of hos-

bureaucrat turned pro-consul

with some humour, but Colo-

nel Petrauskas, with a slight

grimace on his face, sweated under the television lights as

officials demanded if he rec-

ognized Lithuanian law, and if

he did not feel ashamed to

have come to his country as

the representative of a foreign

ing that "the time will come

when all these matters will be

discussed, and laws and the

constitution of the USSR is in

force and this says that repub-

lican procurators are ap-

pointed by the General Procurator of the USSR. If

understand that the General

Procurator had no choice but

Another move expected im-

you are lawyers, you must

to make this decision."

Soviet Party in Lithuania.

Mr Vassiliev told the meet-

to leave, I will leave myself,"



West Germany's Chancellor, Herr Hehmut Kohl, near Parliament after his London press conference

Rise in desertion alarms Kremlin

From Michael Binyon Moscow

CRIME in the Soviet Army grew by 14.5 per cent in 1989 compared with the previous year and there have been an increasing number of deser-tions, the chief military prosecutor has said.

Lieutenant-General Aleksandr Katusev told a press conference that the situation howed no signs of improving in the first few months of this pecially notable among privates and sergeants from the republics. At present more than 1,000 servicemen from those regions were absent

without leave. He said those that were caught would be returned to their garrisons to face trial and he called for more vigorous efforts to prosecute those encouraging young men to

The press conference, or Thursday, was clearly timed to coincide with the Soviet Army action against Lithua-

nian deserters. Komsomolskaya Pravda, a newspaper aimed particularly at young people of conscrip tion age, yesterday published a lengthy and critical account of the movement to encourage

Lithuanian deserters, A soldier is considered to have deserted if he is absent without leave for more than a week. He is normally pun-ished by three years' obliga-tory service in punishment battalions, where discipline is

minently by Lithuanian Comespecially harsh. munist Party leaders is a But local commanders military occupation of the sometimes simply confine Communist-owned printing those recaptured to military house in Vilnius which, like prisons for a shorter time. Conscientions objection, howother Communist Party property, is in dispute between the ever, is not recognized in the independent Party and the punished by a prison sentence.

Berlin apology clears way for coalition pact

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

examine Stasi files kept on

him in the company of repre-

there was no evidence that he

had worked for the Ministry of

The Social Democrats have

State Security while being an

always insisted that they

would not enter a coalition

involving with the German Social Union, and the strident

Herr Ebeling, supported by his

tween the adversaries.

active dissident.

ties look set to form a coalition of compromises next week after the first stage of agreement but no new govern-

Herr Hans Wilhelm Ebeling, the leader of the German Social Union, the most rightwing of the three parties in the conservative Alliance for Germany, apologized publicly for the aggressive campaign con-ducted by his party against the

"Many things were said and done in the heat of the election which I did not approve of," he said. He added that the Union was now "stretching out a hand" to the Social Democrats to join them in

The party campaigned vigorously against the SPD call-ing it the legacy of the SED (communist) party".

Herr Markus Meckel, the deputy leader of the SPD and a former vicar, was apparently stunned by the apology and could only say that it was "always good when people changed for the better".

Meanwhile, Herr Ibrahim Böhme, the Social Democrats' leader who gave up his office

EAST Germany's leading par- last week after allegations that the promises and anathemas he had worked as a Stasi of an overheated election caminformer, said yesterday that paign to make a workable government possible. leadership on Monday.

A sign outside the SPD headquarters says apologeti-cally: "Democracy takes longer than dictatorship". The Christian Democrats

sentatives responsible for the dissolution of the organiza-tion. They said afterwards that spokesman, Herr Helmun the country's existing constitution as valid, a key condition for the participation of the Social Democrats in

the validity of the 1968 would be unable to enact sweeping changes on an absolute majority, effectively disenfranchizing the Social

While the SPD leadership is The SPD will continue talks anxious to gain as much say as possible in the shaping of the with the ruling Christian Democrats tomorrow before country's future, ordinary party members are far from happy with the new tone of compromise. A spokesman said yesterday that headquarters had been deluged by letters and telephone calls

deciding whether they could enter negotiations on the di-vision of ministerial posts that would include the German

Under popular pressure, all five parties involved are now back-pedalling furiously on posed to a coalition.

came his countrymen would have to face "a bitter hour" in renouncing the territories east of the Oder-Neisse. He said be understood people's bitterness because it would mean giving up at least a quarter of what had been German territory.

Without the recognition of

sister party, the Bavarian Christian Socialists, has been their personal bugbear. But the apology now opens the Democrats from all important way for a compromise be-

Ceausescu 'persecuted brother'

German

right

moves

East

From Ian Murray

WEST Germany's radical

right-wing Republican Party

announced from its bead-

quarters in Bonn yesterday

that it had formed a new

branch at Görlitz in East

Germany, symbolically sited

on the Neisse river, part of the

The Republican initiative

points to a new phase in the

struggle by ethnic Germans

from the areas now under

Polish control to win compen-

sation if a unified Germani

irrevocably accepts the Oder

Neisse line as the legal border

According to the Repub-

licans, the branch has 200

members and is being formed

with the Federation of Expel-lees, which represents ethnic

Germans from the territories

east of the Oder-Neisse rivers.

Although the Republicans are considered fascist, and

therefore illegal in East Ger-

many, they seek to avoid being banned through their

The declared purpose of the

point for Silesia, most of which is now within the borders which Poland insists

must be guaranteed before German unity is allowed. It is

said to be the first of a series of

regional branches to be set up

there protecting the interests

The expellees say they will

use every legal means to prevent "the uncompensated

surrender of the homes of

millions of East Germans and

Stuttgart awarded a woman, aged 59, from Silesia DM 102 million (£37 million) for the loss of Daimler shares after she was expelled from Silesia.

Thousands of other expellees

are preparing similar law suits, which could cost the Federal

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, who agreed only reluctantly to

prepare a treaty guaranteeing

the present border, said last

weekend that when unity

Government billions.

Last Monday a court in

of all Silesians.

link with the expellees.

border with Poland.

NICOLAE Ceausescu's younger brother, Lieutenant-General Nicolae Andruta Ceauses cu, claimed yesterday that he' had had to endure years of persecution after he discovered Elena, the executed former dictator's future wife. naked with a German soldier? during the Second World War. "It's one thing to be per-

secuted as a stranger, and something else again to be persecuted by your own brother and sister-in-law," he told the newspaper Adevarulin the prison where he awaits trial for alleged crimes during last December's revolution.

General Ceausescu, former head of the Securitate secret; police training school said he occasionally visited the then Elena Patrescu while his brother was in prison under the Nazis, "One day," he said, "I found her and her sister-inlaw, Adela, naked with two: Germans. She didn't like that too much ... But it didn'tseem to bother her until she

Third mass grave uncovered dug up more than 10 skeletons the monument to victims of which officials identified as Sachsenhausen during the

EAST German soldiers un-

earthed a mass grave yesterday said to contain Germans interned by Stalin's security police at a former Nazi concentration camp after the Second World War.

The discovery, in woods 18 miles north of Berlin, was the third in a week as East Germany's new authorities relentlessly come to grips with horrors long hushed up by the

Rusted identification plates were found around the ankle bones of skeletons. Sachsensaid plates were attached to the deceased before burial.

was seized by Soviet security forces at the end of the war.

Empty bullet cartridges were found among the skelorrors long hushed up by the ctons but their origin was by Soviet security forces per-communists.

Reporters watched as troops

Titz, the official in charge of occupied zone.

Germans held at the nearby. Nazi era. Some cartridges Sachsenhausen camp after it carried markings dating from the war and others appeared to have been made in the mid-1960s.

A local resident said this week she witnessed Soviet hausen camp survivors have troops at Sachsenhausen mow down German prisoners with machine-guns.

Western diplomats say 65,000 Germans rounded up

married my brother. Then I noticed a coldness." (Reuter) Hungary offered a bridging loan

THE European Commission faith in some of Hungary's orous market reform without prompting the collapse of its ECOBORRY.

views as the pioneers of Western lines.

This loan is a mark of our confidence in the will of Hungary's political and economic leaders to achieve political reform and economic recovery," the Commission

said in a statement yesterday. programme,

mission has a distinct lack of next few days.

yesterday agreed to hand over neighbours, notably Romanie the first slice of the Commu- and intends to use the offer of nity's £635 million bridging EC support as a carrot to keep loan designed to help Hungary the whole of Eastern Europe cut its huge foreign debt and on the reforming path in its follow through plans for rig-role as broker of world aid to the region.

The EC's five-year loan, scheme, which had to await Brussels is clearly using the the agreement of a broaderloan to display its faith that economic readjustment pro-Hungary's economic and pol- gramme between Hungaryitical authorities, whom it and the International Monetary Fund before being signed. reform in Eastern Europe, will has the express approval of EC stand by their promises to heads of government who, change the country along gave it their initial blessing at the Strasbourg summit last-December.

> The loan is a response to the. crippling decline of Hungary's balance of payments last year, which caused a severe slowdown in its economic recovery.

the country — are now on a first £255 million will be made secure footing. But the Com-

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Major faces baptism of EC fire

ernors of the EC's 12 central banks, retreat to a secluded castle in the West of Ireland today for what could be a most unrelaxing first attempt to lay out the contents of the EC's planned economic and mone-THE PROPERTY OF

It will be the first such "fireside chat" attended by Mr John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and could prove to be his baptism of fire. f, as expected, he reaffirms the Government's distaste for all current models of EMU except the Government's own - a call to make all currencies legal tender in the EC and let them compete for supremacy, a move which has been widely rejected - he will find few allies at the meeting in Ashford Castle, County Mayo.

Few if any formal decisions will be taken, but some ministers may use the meeting to form a chorus in favour of laying the foundations for agree on most of the key EMU, and even of drafting principles, notably the need much of it, before the intergovernmental conference on EMU begins in December. They could then proceed the European Commission's produced by their aides, to infinitely more crucial immediately afterwards to- widely leaked paper calling for gether with officials from the than full political union.

EUROPEAN Community fi-nance ministers, with the gov-This would severely test the strength of UK opposition. Mr Major may also be told, at least by the European

Commission and probably by several ministers as well, that Britain must join the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System possibly by the middle of next year. Failure to do so will icopardize the first stage of EMU, involving closer currency alignment and greater co-operation between the central banks. There is even speculation in Brussels that the Governor of the Bank of England, Sir Robin Leigh-Pemberton, has deliberately distanced himself from the Government in advance of

today's talks. The chief task at Ashford Castle will be to reach consensus after sifting through a baffling array of reports and opinions which diverge on the year. However, the Comdetails of EMU but which principles, notably the need for a single European cur-

rency, the ECU. Central to the talks will be



Herr Pohl: Fears an bacrease in inflation

a single currency. The document lists the benefits of the ECU, which Commissioners believe could be introduced as of 1996, saying it would save changing population between £11 billion and £15 billion a on and £15 billion a mission paper proposes only

ernment spending. The central bank governors will go to County Mayo armed its impact on the EC, an issue with a separate interim report

visions hinding governments to strict spending limits. Seri-ous disagreement could arise over how far to tighten the belt on public spending. Strong support for tight budget discipline will come today from Herr Karl-Otto Pohl, head of the West German Bundesbank, which fears profligate spending by EC governments in a future currency union could fuel infla-

tion and weaken the might of the Deutschemark Britain is distinctly averse to any transfer of monetary sovereignty to Europe. Irish government sources claim there is "broad agreement to proceed on the basis of the Commission report". British diplomats dismiss

both documents, saying they amount to lofty statements on the final goal of EMU without concentrating on detail. Herr Theo Waigel, the West German Finance Minister, will also brief his colleagues on

his Government's increasingly complicated plans for a single German currency and which British officials see as infinitely more crucial even

Caleday.

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Coming so soon after the Hungarian Govern-I ment formally asked the EC last November for the loan aspolitical reforms - a key a vital measure to cushion its condition for long term aid for reform programme, and the

Kremlin wants to keep more tanks in Eastern Europe

Away from the forum where

the two Germanies now dis-cuss unity with the four Second World War victorious

allies, separate negotiations

are underway between Mos-cow and Bonn. During his

meeting with Herr Genscher,

the considerable difficulties

Moscow is now facing and sought help in speeding up the

disarmament process in a way which would make possible an

honourable and orderly Soviet

withdrawal from eastern

As part of this withdrawal,

the Kremlin is even asking for

West Germany to pay for the construction of barracks in the

Soviet Union to house the

troops which would be pulled

West Germany has said

already that it will meet East

Germany's present obliga-tions to accommodate Soviet

troops and Mr Shevardnadze

is suggesting that if this money

barracks, the Soviet Army

would be able to go home

within two or three years -

subject to a comprehensive

disarmament agreement in

The establishment of a de-

militarized buffer zone, agree-

ment on substantial reduct-

particularly of the German

Army - and a sound treaty on

the western Polish frontier

would be achievements the

Russians could claim proved

that they had finally suc-

ceeded in resolving the outstanding problems of the Second World War.

Instead of a peace treaty, the

An unknown number of

soldiers are parrisoned in the

extensive compound housing

the Museum of Revolutionary

Tiananmen Square. They drill

in the open every day, and

their washing hangs out to dry opposite the Great Hall of the

Some Chinese say the order to stay away from Tiananmen

Square refers only to the period from April 1 to 5. Others say it refers to the whole, highly sensitive period from the beginning of April to

China's festival of remem-

brance of the dead falls on April 5. In 1976, thousands of

people gathered in Tiananmen

Square on that day overtly to

mourn the death of the Prime

coverely to protest against the

Gang of Four. That demonst-

ration was broken up vi-

The anniversary of the

death of Hu Yaobang, the

ousted General Secretary of

the Communist Party, comes

10 days later, on April 15. His

But by far the most sensitive

death provoked the anti-government protests led by stu-

when the Army shot its way

into Peking, killing hundreds

and perhaps thousands of

The authorities are worried

on two counts: first that the

Communist Party could not

survive another onslaught.

and that the Army might not

be willing to save them a

second time; second, that any

dents in Peking last spring.

the end of June.

about the calls to gather in the Minister. Zhou Enlai, and

down, and seems to have anniversary is June 4, the day

Police in central Peking hint of unrest could mar the

have been ordered to be on Asian Games to be held in duty from April 1 onwards Peking in September.

been open to the public since peaceful demonstrators.

idea would be to accept that

the 1945 Potsdam agreement had at last been fulfilled.

Vienna.

Call for protest

alarms Peking

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

PEKING residents are being with all leave and even days.

out of East Germany.

MOSCOW has told Nato's conventional arms control negotiators in Vienna that it wants to increase the number of tanks it can keep in Eastern Europe and the western part of the Soviet Union from 12,000 to at least 14,000, according to

diplomatic sources. The latest stumbling block at the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks has arisen because of Soviet concern over the uncertain position of East Germany's 3,140 tanks a mixture of Soviet T-54s, T-

55s, T-72s, and stored T-34s, Soviet negotiators in Vienna are now saying that if East Germany is absorbed into Nato, they will need compensation. What they want is to change the so-called "sufficiency rule" under which no single nation is necroited to have more than permitted to have more than 12,000 tanks out of the overall total of 20,000 per alliance in the region from the Atlantic to the Urals.

According to the diplomatic sources, the Russians are saying they must be allowed to have 14,000-15,000 tanks. Apart from losing East Germany as a member of the Warsaw Pact, Moscow is also worried about Hungary and Czecholsovakia. The Soviet argument is that neither of these "allies" can be relied on to keep up their tank strengths, as laid down under a CFE treaty, because of their wish to reduce their forces.

They fear this could mean that if the Soviet Union is restricted to 12,000 tanks, the Warsaw Pact total may not even reach the agreed 20,000

that the Soviet Union's proposal to include all Nato and Warsaw Pact forces in the CFE talks - not just super-

Party on

brink of

collapse

From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade

THE Yugoslav Communist

Party was pushed to the brink

of final collapse yesterday

when the Central Committee

quorum, with half of its

members boycotting the

More than a dozen Central

Committee members walked

out during the session com-

plaining that anyone voicing

dissenting opinions was being challenged immediately.

The Central Committee

meeting was convened on the

insistence of the Serbian par-

ty's hardline leadership, de-

spite warnings from other

constituent republican parties

that a session in the absence of

the Slovene representatives would be illegal and could lead

to the party's disintegration.

atian parties boycotted the session, while 12 Central

Committee members from

Bosnia and several from

Macedonia walked out saying

that there was no point in

holding a meeting which failed

to secure a quorum as only 85

out of a total of 165 members

In January. Slovene dele-

gates walked out of the party

congress in protest over the

majority's opposition to rad-

ical democratic reforms pro-

The congress was sus-pended but, on the insistence

of Serbia to resume the con-

gress, the current Central

Committee meeting was con-

A spokesman for the Slo-

vene party contacted by tele-

phone said: "The Central

Committee meeting is illegal

and the best thing they could do is to dissolve themselves."

posed by the Slovene party.

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The Slovene and the Cro-

overall ceiling of 700,000- is satisfied that there is no 750,000 on each side, is to chance that history will repeat become a central part of the negotiations on German reunification at the two-plus-four talks. During his visit to

Washington next week, Mr
Eduard Shevardnadze, the
Soviet Foreign Minister, is to
ask Mr James Baker, the US
Secretary of State, to use his
influence within the Nato alliance to gain approval for this idea, according to diplomatic sources in Bonn, Mr Shevardnadze has

sought support for the idea from Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister. During their meeting last week in Namibia, he emphasized that it would be crucial to the question of German reunification and hinted that if a satisfactory and fast disarmament deal could be agreed, then it would help Mr Gorbachov to take a more relaxed line with Lithuania and any other Soviet states seeking greater autonomy.

An essential element of the deal the Soviet Union is seeking is an initial limit of around 300,000 men in the size of the armed forces of a united Germany along with agreement that no Western or German troops — either under Nato or national command should be deployed between the Elbe and the Oder-Neisse in what is now East German territory.

Soviet public opinion would be unwilling to accept the idea of a new, strong, united Germany, given the fact that the Second World War cost 20 million Russian

Bonn, the West has been given a warning that the Soviet Union will use its seat at the reunification negotiating table power troops - and to have an to stall German unity unless it

urged by pro-democracy ac-

tivists to demonstrate silently

in Tiananmen Square tomor-

row, but the authorities -

determined to nip unrest in

everyone to stay away, accord-

call to demonstrate has come

from activists within China.

or from dissident groups

Some Chinese have re-

ceived letters or faxes calling for Peking residents to gather

and walk silently around the

square tomorrow in protest

against the killings on June 4

last year. Many people in

Peking have learned of the

planned protest, but most say

The Government, however,

is clearly extremely nervous

square, and has issued a document which is being read

at staff meetings in all work

units in the capital. The

document warns people that if

they go to the square and "something happens", then they will be "responsible for

This wording is similar to

that used in warnings issued

before June 4, when even

casual bystanders were mown

convinced most people that it

Tiananmen Square has

martial law was lifted in

January. Still scarred by dam-

age done with tanks, the

square is usually busy on

Sunday afternoons with fam-

ilies out for a stroll and old

men flying kites.

would be safer to stay away.

the consequences".

they are afraid to take part.

It is not clear whether the

ing to Chinese sources.

operating in exile.

Masking a rare talent with owlish glee



Pablo Picasso posing with an owl mask in this previously unpublished photograph taken by David Donglas Duncan, the photographer, in 1957. Mr Duncan plans to auction four such works, together valued at £687,000, to raise funds for Aids-afflicted children in Romania

apartheid film, A Dry White

It said Mr Mandela's book

"part of the accepted

The Struggle Is My Life, was

political rhetoric" in South

Africa. The board had banned

prison for his role in launching

the bombing and sabotage

campaign of the African Nat-

ional Congress. He continues to support the ANC's armed

struggle, though it has been largely dormant in the past

"As far as the principle of

armed violence is concerned,

(Mandela's) standpoint is so

well known that it is unlikely

it will change the outlook of

the reader toward political

Bloodied country, page 10

violence," the board said.

De Klerk prepared to crush Natal violence

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

PRESIDENT de Klerk of openly espousing violence or South Africa said yesterday that he is prepared to order the use of force to crush the nationwide violence that has claimed more than 200 lives in the past month.

He told the Cape Town Press Club that he intends to address Parliament about the violence on Monday, the same day that Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, and Mr Nelson Mandela are to hold talks over the political war in Natal province that has claimed at least 40 lives in the past week.

Mr de Klerk said the Gov-ernment would be obliged to use the full weight of its power to restore law and order if elements of both the left and right continued their present course of violence and

It was significant that Mr de Klerk made particular mention of right-wing activity extremists in their denunciations of violence.

He was clearly referring to the situation in Welkom, the Orange Free State gold mining town hit by a tornado two weeks ago, where supporters of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) have clashed with blacks.

He made it clear also that the Government believed that black protest politics and mass demonstrations - which he allowed for the first time last December - were getting out

of hand.

a small group of people in this
He said: "Demonstrators country which is unable to

preaching class and racial ity of political change." Mr hatred are playing with fire. Kramer said a Boksburg Conservative Party councillor easily lead to catastrophic had admitted distributing an anti-semitic pamphlet. It re-called a 1937 speech to Parinter-group conflagration ... If protests and demonstraliament by Mr Eric Louw, who tions become a way of life they became South Africa's first National Party Foreign Mininterrupt progress based on orderly and disciplined hard work and result ultimately in ister when it won power in 1948, saying that South Africa had a large Jewish population. Mr de Klerk added: "We say

to those who spend so much energy and productive time on Mr Louw said then: "We owe it to the future generations of South Africa to tackle protest: You have made your point that you are unhappy about the situation. We accept this problem now before it is • JOHANNESBURG: The that. We are not satisfied with Publications Appeals Board it either. Join us in doing something constructive about yesterday removed its ban on the autobiography of Mr Nelson Mandela and the antiit. The time for building a new South Africa is now,"

Meanwhile, in Boksburg, a town east of Johannesburg that gained international notoriety 18 months ago when its white extremist Conservarive Party-dominated counother South African white cil decided to restore petty leaders have, until now, been apartheid, its only Jewish with a pig's head wrapped in a on Februry 11 after 27 years in Star of David flag when he pulled out his chair to sit down at a council meeting on

Thursday night. The incident came after the Supreme Court in Pretoria ruled that the council's decisions to segregate rec-reational facilities in the town were invalid although the Separate Amenities Act, one of the basic apartheid laws, remains on the statute book.

Mr Issy Kramer said: "I felt very sick. It shows that there is

White firebrand fights for Mugabe

From Jan Raath, Sanyati, Zimbabwe

PRESIDENT Mugabe described his party's candidate for the Makonde West constituency as "the pride of Zanu

(PF)" last week. The candidate has worked himself to a hollow-eyed semblance of his former self to win such an accolade. In the last five weeks he has covered 2,000 miles in his spluttering Datsun pickup to places where no vehicle had dared to venture. He has slept under the stars in brief respites from electioneering, and has probably exchanged the traditional hand-clapping greeting with

every voter. The candidate, as a day passing hundreds of ragged people along the tracks of Sanyati made clear, is the darling of the people who call him "our father", "our saviour" and, on one occasion, "our Gorbachov".

"it's been my first general election, and it's been super," said Mr Sean Hundermark, aged 37, a third-generation white Zimbabwean with the Red Pepper) from his ginger hair and fiery temper. "Voetsek," he bawled at every lean dog that crossed in front of the

famous yellow pickup. His white South African ancestry and his years as a District Commissioner in the Rhodesian Government's hated Department of Internal Affairs have not hindered his

campaign. Even, perhaps, the reverse.

"Blacks (politicians) are no good," said Mr Pardon Miambo, a young clerk from a nearby cotton ginnery. "They steal the money for our dev-

"We don't judge the skin," said Miss Grace Muchena aged 24. "We have voted for him in our interest, because he can develop our area." Indeed, the comprehensive

study of Shona customs that was demanded of all District Commissioners has allowed him to stride a system that moves on sooth-saying omens, totems, extended family connections and downright skulduggery. Mr Hundermark was

brought up 12 miles from the

farm of Mr Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister. He went to a white school, a white teachers training college and his job as District Commissioner was a position reserved for whites. At independence he joined the ruling Zanu (PF) party and

rose rapidly until he was chosen by Mr Mugabe as a non-constituency MP in 1987 "I grew up with blacks, they were my friends, I spoke ther kid I vowed I would help people less privileged."

The people of Sanyati have placed an enormous trust in Mr Hundermark. The fla country of baobab, mopan and malala palm trees, it fields regularly raided by ele phants, is the epitome o

underdevelopment. "All that people care about here is development," said M Johan Molai, a peasant farme sipping beer outside Gwatidz bottle store.

"I don't care if he is green orange, blue, he is on ou side."

Florence fire attack on vendors

Four African street vendors narrowly escaped death in a firebomb attack in Florence, the latest of a spate of racist incidents in the city, police said yesterday. The four men were sleeping in a caravan on the city outskirts on Thursday morning when a large petrol bomb was thrown in. The caravan was destroyed before firemen arrived but the occupants escaped.

The attacks against black workers, which began at the end of February when up to 80 men with baseball bats beat three North Africans, have tarnished the city's name. But many Florentines accuse the African street vendors of stealing custom from shops, blocking streets around tourist attractions and being involved in drug peddling. (Reuter)

How not to sell vacuums

Stockholm - Hell hath no fury like a saleswoman scomed. Two vacuum-cleaner saleswomen in Ljungby, southern Sweden, told to "get lost" by a housewife who answered their knock at the door, forcibly vacuumed every carpet while accusing the owner of keeping a dirty house. The struggle to evict them

took three hours and ended only after one of the cleaners emptied the contents of a dust bag on a living-room sofa. "It didn't matter what I said. They just wouldn't take no for an answer," Mrs Elisabeth Karlsson said. (Reuter)

Correction

Our Middle East map on Thursday (page 12) omitted the demarcation line between Jordan and the Israeli-occupied West Bank territories.

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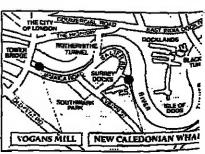
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Gorbachov honoured for bringing glasnost to dress

New York PRESIDENT Gorbachov yesterday received a special commendation from the influential international Best-Dressed Poll for liberating Soviet man's fashion sense.

He was named for "opening the door to fashion as a means of self-esterm and self-expression to the men of the Eastern bloc nations after 40 years of enforced anonymity", according to a statement from Eleanor Lambert, the fashion publicist who devised the poll

50 years ago. Another citation, to Empress Michiko of Japan, named her an "international tressure of world fashion, whose exquisite style sense . . . has been a notable influence

York's new Mayor, was com- money".

mended for "restoring the well-dressed male image to New York politics". The Prin-cess of Wales and King Juan Carlos of Spain were among those named to the poll's permanent Hall of Fame.

Daniel Day-Lewis, the British actor who early this week won the best-actor Oscar, and Paul Newman, the film star. were among a dozen men named to the year's bestdressed list.

Ivana Trump, estranged from her husband, Donald, the American property magnate, and her sister-in-law, Blaine, were both among the dozen best-dressed women.

The lists are compiled by a big international panel of fashion experts and, according since she became crown prin- to an American commentator, winners must have "money, Mr David Dinkins, New looks, connections and more



Mr Gorbachov: A man of mode for the East bloc

Shock treatment for Brazil's economy earns Collor 'fascist' label

Rio de Janeiro

DRIVERS approaching Rio de Janeiro's some striking graffiti on the wall of a supermarket: "Collor = Hitler", it proclaims.

The target of the slur, the pugnacious President Collor, aged 40, has just drawn a similar slap from Folha de So Paulo, one of the country's most influential newspapers which, in a vitriolic attack declared him to be Brazil's answer to Mussolini and denounced him for instigating "a climate of state terrorism".

Few leaders anywhere can have stirred such rapid antipathy within two weeks of taking office. The fascist comparisons, however, come mainly from one sector - shop-owners, bankers and soon-to-be unemployed civil servants, all stung by the spectacular austerity programme that the President imposed within hours of taking office on March 15.

But the cries of woe have served only to stiffen the resolve of the President, an upper-class populist who won over his country by presenting himself as a blend

of Indiana Jones, conquistador, saviour and yuppie. "We are not retreating," he said last Tuesday after he was forced to withdraw two emergency decrees which enabled the police to round up and imprison about 30 businessmen accused

of "economic crimes".

The suspension of the decrees was hailed as something of a victory by beleaguered businessmen. Crowds had jeered as bank managers in several towns were led away in chains. "The new law is a violence," Senhor

Marcio Tomaz Bastos, the former head of the Brazilian Bar Association, grumbled. "If you kill someone you can respond to the charge at liberty. But if you raise the price of a beer, you can be jailed for months without trial."

The jailing decrees had proved remarkably popular among the "bare-foot and shirtless" championed by the President. One survey showed that 94 per cent of the country favoured the automatic two-to-five year prison sentences they inflicted on merchants who imposed illegal price rises. Senhor Collor has promised to have them reinstated as

law when he submits his whole package to Parliament next month.

According to the opinion polls this week, more than 80 per cent of Brazil's 150 million people support the austerity measures, which include an 18-month freeze on most bank accounts, wage and price controls, mass sackings in state-owned enterprises and the unleashing of police investigators on businesses and banks throughout the country. Only 5 per cent opposed them.

If anyone had any doubts that the President meant business when he promised to "slay with a single shot the tiger of hyperinflation" — which was at an annual 2,700 per cent in February they have now lost them. No Brazilian has gone untouched by the chaos that is only just subsiding. Prices on the two main stock markets have slumped by more than a third, and an estimated 50,000 people have lost their jobs.

The President vowed to hit the "elite" classes and to avoid hurting the poor, who make up most of the population, but everyone has been forced to adapt to life without money. With cruzeiros, the new currency devised by the Collor team to replace the critzado, still in extremely short supply, life has become a desperate hunt to make ends meet.

In boutiques in Rio and São Paulo, they took to selling clothes by the pound weight. Some shops are offering barter arrangements. Food shops have been almost deserted.

Pawnshops are doing a roaring trade in wedding rings and other prized possessions. Miners in the Amazon, hit by a plunge in gold prices, have been exchanging gold for food. And at Manaus, in the heart of the Amazon, the crisis has forced the cancellation of the long-awaited reopening of the legendary opera house, where Placido Domingo was to have opened yesterday in Carmen. The financial backers who restored the theatre to life after 83 years simply cannot pay their bills.

Tourists, whose numbers were already dwindling because of Brazil's crime wave, have been quickly leaving the country as the currency shortage demol-ishes the dollar exchange-rate, bringing Tokyo-style prices. Most economists agree, however, that Senhor Collor and Senhora Zelia Cardoso de Mello, his young Economy Minister, had little choice but to impose what amounts to the most drastic financial shock applied in any state since the economic rebuilding of West Germany after the Second

Neighbouring Argentina provided a salutary lesson in the dangers of weaker measures. There, President Menem is floundering amid continuing inflation and incipient recession after failing to carry through a milder shock programme which was also aimed at wrenching the country into the global free market.

Senhor Collor's biggest challenge will be in sufficiently fine tuning the money supply without triggering full-scale recession, analysts say. Much will depend on winning back the confidence of the busness community.

Senhor Collor likes to remind his countrymen that they are playing for extremely high stakes. Failure could lead to a loss of international confidence that could relegate Brazil, the biggest Third World debtor, to the ranks of the destitute. Failure would also deliver a heavy blow to hopes around Latin America that the continent can be brought into the modern economic age by charismatic free-marketeers such as Senhor Collor, Senor Menem and Senor Mario Varga Llosa, the novelist expected to win Peru's presidency next month.

Peru has already suffered big dis-appointment at the hands of President García, another young, confident man whose radical policies have accelerated the country's slide into economic chaos.

Senhor Collor is gambling on retaining enough popularity to win over the majority of the Parliament when it comes to examine his package next month. His tiny National Reconstruction Party holds only 26 of the 570 seats but, with elections due in October. legislators will be reluctant to risk unpopularity by opposing a President who, at least for the moment, enjoys the support of his people. However, yes-terday, leading politicians indicated they would challenge at least a dozen of the 200 or so decrees imposed by the

Syria and Iran boost efforts on hostages

From Christopher Walker, Damascus

have stepped up co-operation ern hostages. in a new initiative to free the 17 Western hostages in Lebanon, but are meeting stiff resistance from the kidnappers who want a package deal involving huge ransoms, free-dom for Arab prisoners in a variety of countries and guarantees for their future.

President Assad of Syria is expected to pay an official risit to Tehran after Ramaian, which began this week.

"Presidents Assad and Cafsanjani have realized that bey have a mutual interest in esolving the crisis and so mproving their international tanding ... The question emains whether, even beween them, they have the lout to get the hostages out said a European ofcial involved in earlier hosme deals.

The Syrians have tightened cir grip around the southern iburbs of Beirut where the mjority of the hostages are aid. "They have moved in to event the hostages being ungeled out of the city ... ven the coffins in funeral ocessions leaving the southn slums are being checked d the smallest road now has Syrian guard on it," the

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After two previous missions inside Lebanon by Mr Hashemi, the Beirut magazine Ash Shiraa said that negotiations for a global hostage deal were in the "second stage" and that Mr Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, might be the first

The American television network ABC was so convinced that a release was imminent that it had 12 staff members on standby in Damascus for much of March.

According to the European officials, elements of the package now being discussed through intermediaries in a number of different locations includes payments of ransoms of at least \$1 million (£625,000) for each hostage and the release of some 400 Arabs being held in jails in southern Lebanon, Israel, Kuwait and a number of Euro-

pean countries. There are two distinct levels to the negotiations, that is why they are so tangled and why they may go on for months," one explained. "Iran and Syria are looking for a quick end to an affair which is causing them international formation is that all 17 of fanatics who have held these e hostages, including Terry men for years are looking for some very concrete rewards As part of the new round of before they agree to give them

Iran's main goal is thought to be the unfreezing of Iranian assets in the United States which some estimates put as ich included meetings with high as \$10 billion, while Syria ders of Hezbollah (The is anxious to get off America's rty of God), the umbrella blacklist for the supply of high enization covering most of technology items.

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Salad dressing saga turns sour for Newman



PAUL Newman, his hand bandaged after some rough play with his dog, Griggs, testifying in Bridgeport, Connecticut in a dispute involving his own brand of salad dressing displayed on the witness stand. It was the second time the actor has appeared in court to counter claims by a delicatessen owner, Mr Julius Gold, to have helped him develop "Newman's Own" (Reuter reports). The case was

first tried two years 250, but ended in a mistrial because of a mix-up with evidence. Mr Gold is suing Mr Newman and his partner, the author A.E. Hotchner, for a share in profits from the salad dressing on the ground that he played a key role in its marketing. Mr Newman, apparently weary of the lengthy and sometimes rambling previous testimony, complained the whole thing was taking

"longer than the Academy Awards ceremony". The actor said he never dreamed the enterprise would become so complex. His two food companies, Salad King and Newman's Own, have rung up \$28 million (£17.5 million) in profits, all donated to charity. "It started off as a lark," he said. "I certainly never expected it to become commercial. I envisioned a cottage industry of some kind down in the

basement but I was told the federal Government would frown on the idea of making salad dressing where the horses had been." The actor went on to testify that Mr Gold was not involved. Mr Gold, who has claimed that Mr Newman reneged on a promise to give him a share of the profits, has said he too would donate the money but would like to choose his own charity.

Unesco's director baffled by critics

From Susan MacDonald

THE controversial director of Unesco, Señor Federico Mayor, finds it "unbelievcontent with his changes to the

staff changes earlier this month, Senor Mayor said he had done all that Britain and the United States had required him to in terms of a radical trimming of staff and budget.

Geagea launched a pre-dawn offensive against General Michel Aoun's troops in the villages of Klaiaat and Darava. Police expected the number of dead and wounded to climb much higher. Both sides claimed victory, blaming each is of artillery shells rained other for starting the assault.

Purge on drink driving.

Lebanon truce ends

From A Correspondent, west Beirut

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MRE than 10 people died down on seven villages in the

ne - Italian politicians, shocked by a rash of road deaths alving people driving home after all-night revels, are saving a tough campaign to curb drunken driving and limit use of fast cars by young people. The Cabinet is to introduce tests for drunken driving, limit the time night spots can ealcohol, and set up a publicity campaign on the dangers of ing after drinking and earlier closing times for theques.

(Reuter)

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Hague - The Dutch he was already drunk. me Court ruled that short, a US Staff Advice to go to six years in prison cking his Turkish wife to scannot be extradited to S because he risks the penalty there for

ler pressure sego - A study of Italian

Club claim

New York - Relatives and friends of the 87 people who died in the Happy Land Social Club fire in The Bronx have sued the club owners, including the husband of actress Kathleen Turner, for \$510 million (about £300 million) claiming the club sold alcohol to the accused arsonist when

int who had been sen- Monrovia - The British Embassy in Liberia has advised its citizens in north-eastern Nimba County to leave the area immediately because of fighting between troops and

Van Gogh show

Amsterdam - The Netherworkers has found that lands has already sold 400,000 haldness may be linked tickets to an exhibition lands has already sold 400,000 by higher blood choleslevels and mildly eleblood pressure, the Gogh. Organizers expect to can Heart Association attract nearly a million and a

that Britain is not

With shock waves still reverberating from his abrupt

He insisted that only 18 new posts had been created and that the extra cost would be only £1.25 million, when money saved by freezing 163 posts at headquarters and moving the occupants into the field was taken into account. He accused "emotional" people of deliberately trying to mislead the world about Unesco's achievements since Britain's departure, by issuing

'inaccurate" figures. However, according to an internal Unesco budget office memorandum dated March 7, Señor Mayor's measures had created an estimated 44 new top posts in a package of "reforms" which would cost about £3.9 million. These figures were "corrected", reportedly on Senor Mayor's insistence, in another memorandum 24 hours later - prompting the director of staff to ask for an explanation

of the lower estimate. Two of his staff started a hunger strike in the Unesco building in protest at the reorganization.

Britain, the US and Singapore left Unesco in the mid-1980s, complaining of politicization under Mr Amadon Mahtar M'Bow, the previous Senegalese director-

Señor Mayor admitted that he took his staff reorgan-ization decisions without consulting anyone, "as is my prerogative". Contrary to Unesco's rules, the organization's executive board was not consulted before senior appointments were made. Moreover, those on two-year contracts suddenly found they would be renewed only for six (Reuter) | months to assess performance.

Le Pen keeps admirers waiting

another of Jean-Marie Le grew steadily colder. ional Front Congress.

With more than 1,000 delegates converging on the Côte d'Azur for the biggest and most important gathering this far right party has ever staged, its leader was again making the sort of headlines he evidently cherishes.

Well publicised battles in court over his allegedly anti-Semitic remarks in public, opinion polls suggesting that the French are increasingly behind the National Front's fervent anti-immigration platform; clear signs of nerves among the big parties about the inroads being made by National Front candidates in recent local elections; all are grist to the mill for this astute, forceful politician.

He operates in the genuine belief that the true depth of his support among the "real" ordinary French is far greater than that indicated by opinion polls - which currently give his party 12.5 per cent of the vote were a general election to be held today. Several hundred of these

petits gens (little people) had assembled early yesterday out-side the magnificent Acropolis convention centre to greet

Pen's triumphant appearances A good many were elderly before the faithful at the people, by dress and appearopening of yesterday's Nat- ance from that section of France which hovers somewhere between the bourgeoisic and the working class; small shopkeepers, garage owners, the patron of a successful

As the minutes, half hours and hours ticked by and M Le Pen still did not materialize, a certain impatience set in, specially since by some oversight of organization the crowd was prevented from entering the hall until their leader had arrived. The familiar blue-



M Jean-Marie Le Pen;

BY accident or design, the their hero. They waited ... blazered muscles who provide two years ago. On that occastage was set perfectly for and waited, in a wind which security at all National Front sion, M Le Pen shocked the

glowering at a French TV crew filming the scene. Two young ladies dressed, approximately and fairly skimpily, as Marianne - incold as they waited to present bouquets of lilies to the man who sometimes seems to be

claiming the patriotic heritage of Joan of Arc. Perhaps M Le Pen felt be France. could afford a certain comthat the National Front may be poised to break through the 10-12 per cent barrier that appears to represent its bed-

rock support Significantly, Le Figuro's latest survey found that al-though some 80 per cent of voters think the party is racist and over 70 per cent consider it poses dangers for democracy, almost a third of the French agree it is right on the burning issue of (coloured) immigration — the drum that M Le Pen beats with undiminished energy.

the Acropolis yesterday was voters as a viable alternative uncannily like a rerun of to the hopelessly divided, conversations before the increasingly impotent parties

gatherings became increas- political community by winingly uneasy, muttering into ning more than 14 per cent of their walkie-talkies and the vote in the first round.

Since then, it has clearly been a serious mistake to write off National Front voters actual and potential - as merely a neanderthal fringe of carnation of La France - were the electorate. For every cropgradually turning blue with haired tough, boiling over cold as they waited to present with hatred of les Arabes, there is an anxious small businessman from the provinces, profoundly concerned about the

changes that have overtaken

They are not anti-Arab or placency. Close reading of anti-Semitic, they insist, sim-recent opinion polls suggests ply pro-French. "Don't tell me there are not many British people who also worry about the way your own society is affected by black and brown immigration," said one middie-aged man from Alsace, Algerian war medals and parachute wings pinned proudly to

his jacket lapel.

Nobody senses more instinctively than M Le Pen that France may be approaching a crossroads in its attitude towards immigration — by which he means people from North Africa. He now believes thed energy.

Talking to people outside the National Front before presidential election in France of the "respectable" right.

Ethiopia secures aid from **Israel**

From Richard Owen Jerusalem

AS AN Ethiopian delegation wound up talks in Israel yesterday, diplomats revealed that the Marxist regime of President Mengistu has become "virtually dependent" on Israel for economic and

The Israelis have been moving advisers into Addis Ababa. to fill the vacuum left by departing Soviet officials. The quid pro quo for Israel is a; steady income from arms supplies, freedom for Ethiopian Jews to emigrate and a guarantee that an independent Arab state of Eritrea will never be established

Mr Kesse Kebede, an adviser to President Mengistu. said that with both countries needing free passage through shipping lanes, "Israel and Ethiopia share the geostrategic goal of keeping the Red Sea a non-Arab sea".

Mr Kebede said Ethiopia would soon open an embassy in Israel. Speaking fluent Hebrew, he added that "hundreds" of Falashas, or Ethiopian Jews, had been allowed to ...

emigrate to Israel recently. A glance at the map shows why Israel is wooing what would appear to be a natural political enemy. Ethiopia recently lost a key part of the strategic Red Sea port of Massawa to the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front. It also .::: faces a war of attrition in 🚈 🕛 Tigré, which adjoins Eritrea.

pulls back Addis Ababa will cave in, and a new radical Arab state will appear. There have seen been persistent reports of big Israeli supplies of advanced weaponry. Some say that Israel has supplied "cluster bombs" in addition to rocket launchers and machine

Separately, in Israel and the occupied territories yesterday. isolated clashes with troops led to the death of at least one Palestinian as Arabs protested on "Land Day". This annual event com-

memorates the 1976 killing by Israeli police of six Arabs in Israel protesting against the confiscation of their land.

The protest either side of the 1967 "green line" yesterday underlined Israeli Arabs' growing identification with the Palestinian Intifada, or uprising, now in its third year. The banned flag of the Palestine Liberation Organization appeared in some Arab villages in Israel, but a huge troop and police presence kept violence to a minimum, and the leaders of Israel's 650,000 Arab citizens were largely successful in their appeal for

peaceful protest. The mayors of Israeli Arab towns said their main concern was not so much the Intifada, which aims to establish a Palestinian state, but rather their economic plight. Municipal services have ground to a halt in Arab areas such as Galilee, with Arab councils blaming "discriminatory" underfunding

Obscenity row rocks 'a city without sin

From James Bone New York

THE controversy over the travelling show of homo-crotic photography by the late Robert Mapplethorpe, which reised howls of protest in Washington

last summer, has flared up again in Cincinnati, Ohio. Accusations have been made by the County Sheriff that some of the works are "criminally obscene", and the chief of police has threatened to send in the vice squad when the show

opens to seize the offending photographs. Last summer the photographer's images of homosexual sex and naked children prompted legislation to ban government funding for "obscene" art. Now they are headed for Cincinnati, the headquarters of the National Coalition Against Pornog-

Cincinnati's Contemporary Arts Centre plans to open the Mapplethorpe exhibit next Friday.

Art sponsors have withdrawn their support from the gallery, and the chairman of the gallery's board was forced to resign after local businessmen threatened to withdraw their custom from his employer, a local

"The exhibit is wrong," said Mr George Ballou, a business leader whose property company halted funding for the gallery. "It's not something that should be in this community. I think it should be stopped. I think it's pornographic. I think it's sickening."

In matters of taste, Cincinnati is not a city with which to trifle. As well as being the headquarters of the National Coalition Against Pornography, it has a virtual ban on any pornographic material.

Unlike other American cities, there are, by law, no adult bookstores, Xrated theatre or peep shows, no bars with nude dancers, no escort services and no massage parlours. Residents are forbidden from renting X-rated

movies at video shops, and cannot buy any but the most soft-core men's A recent production of the stage

play Equus was reviewed by the police before being shown to the public, and no cinema in town had the nerve to show the controversial film The Last Temptation of Christ. In an attempt to mollify its critics.

the Contemporary Arts Centre has taken a number of unusual steps. Ticket prices for the show will be more than doubled from \$2 (£1.22) to \$5 so that it is self-financing

Only people over 18 will be admitted to the show, and even then the most explicit of the photographs will be displayed in a separate area.

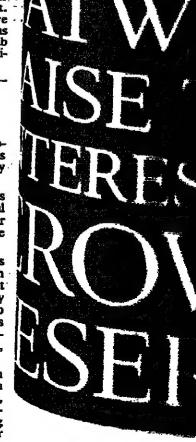
And in a pre-emptive move, aimed at preventing the police from seizing Mapplethorpe's works, the arts centre has also asked a court to rule on whether the photographs violate obscenity laws. But the auti-pornog-raphy campaigners are in no mood for

compromise. They claim the photographs violate community standards the "obscenity" test laid down by the Supreme Court.

Activists have mounted a vigorous letter-writing campaign, and local radio talk shows and newspaper letter columns have been filled with the controversy.

Although Mapplethorpe's work was denied a showing at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington last summer, it found an alternative space in the city and made its way without incident to liberal-minded towns such as Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Hart-ford in Connecticut, and Berkeley,

The renewed debate coincides with a fresh political battle in Washington over government funding for the arts, with President Bush proposing abolition of the ban on subsidizing "obscene" art which was passed after the Mapplethorpe controversy broke

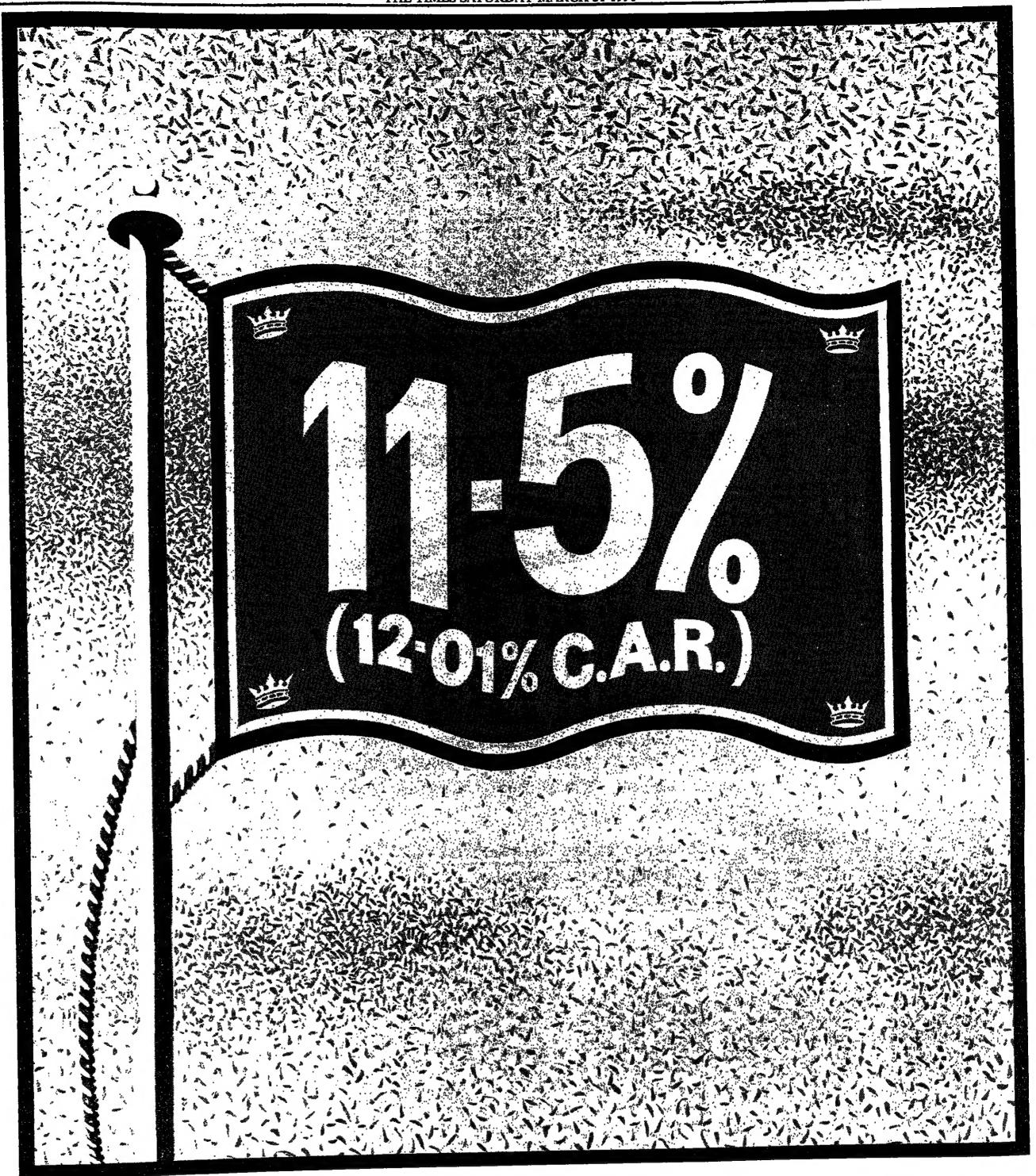




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SIMON BARNES

Rio de Janeiro

Tost of the cliches about Rio are true. which makes it a very satisfying LVI which makes it writer. In particular, the one about football is true: a stroll along those beaches with such evocative names, Copocabana and Ipanema, demonstrates this. There are lots of football games going on: but where English lads throw down two piles of jumpers and play three-goals-and-in, Brazilians stand in a circle and play beautiful flicks. The ball never touches the ground: round and round the circle, over the top and back again. Every game is a poem of mastery of the ball. Football means different things to different nations: surely only Brazil could have produced a great player called Socrates. As Sir Alf Ramsey remarked after a defeat of England by Brazil: "We have nothing to learn from these people."

o not believe that exile in Brazil will prevent this column keeping abreast of the latest news from the world of British ski-jumping. It appears that the long reign of the master is over. Eddie Edwards is no longer considered to be British number one by the British Ski-Jumping Federation. He has not competed for a year, he may even have retired. He has recently spoken



Edwards: slippery alope

about trips abroad to find sponsors, but he has shown no up-to-date results. While the federation insists that it wishes to keep on friendly terms with Eddie and to keep the door open for his return, it also says he is in no position to be considered champion. That honour now passes to James Lambert. He and Alan Jones, now to be considered the number two, have had a busy winter. Lambert spread his wings to take part in Nordic combined events — jumping and cross-country skiing. In one he managed a third and was sixth in a jumping competition. Lambert, as British number one, becomes a man with a mountain to climb,

ore on winter sports. The recent Asian Winter Games in Sapporo, Japan, culminated in an abject apology to South Korea by the president of the organizing committee, Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, for "a series of mistakes". The first came after the South Korean speed skater, Kim So-hee, won the 1500 metres short-course event. The organizers started to play him the Mongolian national anthem. Realizing their error, they hastily grabbed the tape of another anthem and played that instead. It was, inevitably, that for North Korea. Once you start making errors, you can't stop, of course: the next day, Kim and troduced to the crowd as North Koreans. "There was no public intention or political motive," Tsutsumi assured the South Korean ambassador, who is reported to have shown "understanding".

T t is important to get your priorities right. George Bush is doing so by combining a Lichtning visit to the Canadian prime minister, Brian Mulroney, next month, with the start of the baseball season. It is unclear whether the main purpose of the trip is Mulroney or the Toronto Skydome, where the Toronto Bluejays start their season



against the Texas Rangers. The president's son, George Walker Bush, is part-owner of the Rangers. It is a baseball tradition for visiting celebs to throw out the first pitch at the first home game of the season, and since both diginitaries will be at the game, this involves a difficult question of baseballing protocol. "I don't want to do it if people think it's frivolous," said Bush.

Regular readers of this space will notice a new rasping authority to my prose style. This is because I am no onger to be considered primarily as a vriter. I am now a professional sportsman, ike David Gower, who also writes for this lewspaper. At the Potton Cross-Country went in Bedfordshire recently. I and my sorse finished third in the Open Class. This arned us, in addition to a yellow rosette, a beque for a fiver. I was pretty cool about it. but then we pros always are. Right, Dave? I the global political influence to

the violence in Natal which has claimed 3,000 lives in I five years casts a cloud over South Africa's entire future. Nelson Mandela, of the African National Congress, and Chief Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha movement, will be playing for enormous stakes when they meet at Taylor's Halt on Monday in an attempt to stem the violence. Both have appealed for peace

before, only to be ignored.

The United Democratic
Front/ANC say Chief Buthelezi and Inkatha are almost solely responsible, and accuse him of acting as a virtual extension of the white state. They point to numerous occasions when the police and army have stood by and allowed Inkatha impis to wreak terrible havoc. The UDF says its supporters suffer most casualties, proving Inkatha's aggressive intent, and that Inkatha continues to include within its inner councils warlords and "shacklords" in the squatter camps with fearsome private armies.

In the eyes of many young, educated and urbanised blacks, Inkatha stands for tribalism and the bad old Africa of bloodthirsty, autocratic chiefs. Buthelezi, they say, has played the government's game by agreeR.W. Johnson sets the scene for the Mandela-Buthelezi talks

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Cry, the bloodied country

KwaZulu only after consultation with the ANC, with whom he maintained good relations until the late 1970s. Indeed, he still sees himself as part of the ANC tradition, which he says has been hijacked by exiled radicals, most of them Xhosas. It was, he feels, these elements who were ul-timately responsible for the UDF decision to move in on his political territory in 1985. This does seem to have been a planned move: the UDF instructed local lawyers in advance to be ready with affidavits because there was about to be a lot of trouble, and then bussed in young comrades" from Soweto. These militants, Inkatha alleges, attempted to win their point by intimidation, enforcing school or work stay-aways by brute force. Naturally, says Inkatha, its community leaders (so-called

overcrowded townships and squatter camps around Durban and Pietermaritzburg, and is now deeply embedded in local and personal feuds as well as in criminal activity, for all manner of protection and extortion rackets thrive in such a troubled

atmosphere. Every night since November there have been houses in flames in Kwa Mashu township outside Durban. Mpumalanga, the worst trouble spot of all, is a little Lebanon. Many African adults are terrified of "the children", for a whole generation has been brutalized in the fighting. Thousands of children, displaced from their homes, now live wild in the bush and hire themselves

But the children too, though increasingly ANC-aligned, are cross-pressured. During the

ing to hold power within the KwaZulu "homeland".

Buthelezi, for his part, points out that he assumed power in long ago took local root in the observe a school boycott; "comrades" threatened to break the arms of those who did not Inkatha bosses threatened violence against those who stayed at home. The result: lots of children went to school and had their arms broken at the gates. Urbanization is accompanied

by a rapid process of social differentiation. Beneath the shacklords one finds a growing African middle class, a large salariat and working class - and a great sea of unemployed. The troubles see an unholy alliance of top and bottom against the middle, as shacklords on the one hand and desperate lumpen elements on the other prey on those in work. Some of those in the middle seek refuge by joining one or other party for protection; others try desperately to avoid

Since November the prospect of negotiations with the whites has sharpened political com-

petition as the ANC, which is clearly gaining ground, seeks to take full advantage of its unbanning and its new mo-mentum after Mandela's release, while Inkatha grimly and blood-ily holds on. The first challenge that will confront Mandela and Buthelezi at Monday's meeting is simply whether they have the ability, the organization or the discipline to rein in their

followers. When I raised this question with Chief Buthelezi last month he felt that while an ANC-Inkatha pact would not stop the violence, it would mean they could combine their forces to crush those who still made trouble. But the sight of such a strong form of ANC-Inkatha collaboration would undoubtedly produce major defec-tions from the ANC. There is, moreover, the difficult question of the white troops now deployed in many townships. The ANC demands their removal,

but it will have to confront the fact that the troop presence is by no means universally unpopular and that there may be no other way of enforcing the peace. The ANC may even have to contemplate its own future co-operation with the army in policing a peace settlement. These would all be difficult pills for the ANC to swallow and could endanger its unity and standing in other parts

of the country. Above all, though, the war in Natal poses the question of whether peaceful political competition can be achieved among the various contending black parties. There is a great danger that majority rule could lead not to a promised land but to the eruption of similarly bloody

conflicts elsewhere.
There is, after all, the awful precedent of the 1879 Zulu war. The war saw the vengeful British inflict dreadful surocities on the defeated Zulu people - bringing in heavy artillery to shell Zulu villages. But when the Pax Britannica was finally restored, the Zulus turned on one another, and the blood-letting made the casualties inflicted by the British scent as nothing. Might blacks throughout South Africa do the same as the horrors of apartheid are lifted?

Make these fieldoms prove their worth

ment decision, expected early next week, on whether or not Britain should rejoin the United Na-tions Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is now on the Prime Minister's desk.

Britain withdrew from Unesco in 1985, citing gross mismanage-ment, ineffective and wasteful expenditure, and the infection of its debates and programmes by destructive political controversy. If the Government adheres to these criteria in assessing Unesco's reforms, it cannot consistently return. Unesco has been under new management for nearly 30 months, but its programmes are as ill-focused as ever, and the only sign of "reforms" has been the creation this month of 44

The decision has implications which reach far beyond Unesco. If Britain returns without solid justification, it will confirm that the West is incapable of being serious about dragging the UN into the 21st century.
In theory, the UN organ-

izations ought to be entering a golden decade. The prospects for multilateral co-operation have never been brighter, thanks to a combination of political, economic and social factors.

The Soviet Union's changed diplomatic profile, the political rope, and the passing of the "independence" generation of Third World leaders should all make for a cooling of the confrontational rhetoric which has produced such affronts to sense and morals as the 1973 UN resolution declaring Zionism a form of racism. Global economic integration has robbed national sovereignty of some of its potency. So has the rise to political prominence of problems such as drugs-trafficking

and climate change. Yet few UN organizations are equipped to face these new challenges. They continue to be plagued by the internal strife and mismanagement for which Unesco has become a byword. As purely governmental clubs which have habitually treated non-governmental organizations disdain, and commerce with hostility - they are in any case handicapped in a world largely shaped by forces outside government. Their performance

compounds that handicap. The debates still have such a tenuous grip on reality that the UN General Assembly sees nothing odd about declaring the 1990s International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism. Many of the UN fieldoms - it has sprouted more than 100 since 1945 - are appallingly managed and almost totally unaccountable.

Western governments are far more responsible for this state of affairs than is suggested by the bleatings of diplomats about the West's minority status in a onestate, one-vote system. Western governments provide the lion's share of UN finance, and they have the diplomatic skills and



Rosemary Righter urges the West

to adopt a tougher policy

towards the UN special agencies

bring the rogue barons to heel. Instead, they have adopted what Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the former US permanent representative at the UN, once called a "policy of pre-emptive capitulation", acquiescing in absurd and sometimes disgraceful political charactes, contenting themselves with minor amendments to fundamentally flawed programmes and tolerating managers and management practices that the worst-run nationalized industry would never accept.

By treating the UN (excepting, to some extent, the Security Council) as a Third World playpen, while deploring its politicization", Western governments have contributed signally to its decline. When they have taken action, it has been too little and too late. For 13 years, out of reverse racism, the West allowed an African lord of misrule, Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, to ruin Unesco, and it has been apparent for at least a year that his successor, Senor Federico Mayor of Spain, is not the hoped-for new broom.

Yet last November, Unesco's "new" programme, which does little more than massage its old mix of activities into new packages, was accepted nem con. It took Senor Mayor's overnight addition to Unesco's overblown payroll of at least \$6 million worth of appointments, all in the name of efficiency, to sting Western ambassadors into action. Creating these posts in the name of efficiency, Señor Mayor troubled neither to advertise

them nor to fulfil his legal obligation to consult Unesco's executive board on senior appointments. That has infuriated even France, which until now has been content to treat Unesco as an extension of its policies for Francophone Africa.

nesco is probably beyond salvation. So may be the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, where the West has failed to unseat Edouard Saouma, under whom the FAO has become riddled with porkbarrel politics. Both may have sunk into irrelevance. But that cannot be said of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the chief executive of which resigned in October, leav-ing behind an organization deeply in the red and at odds with governments, the media, and itself.

Nor is it true of the World Health Organization, which does vital work and has until recently been one of the UN's best-run organizations. Yet in 1988 the West did nothing to stop the election as director-general of Dr Hiroshi Nakajima, WHO's regional head for Asia, although not one government thought him of sufficient stature. The chickens are coming home to

TOOSL The resignation this month of Dr Jonathan Mann, one of the most respected international opcrators the UN has ever fielded. puts in jeopardy the highly successful Global Aids Programme which he created. Dr Mann gave as reasons for his resignation Dr Nakajima's "sysprogramme's management, and lack of commitment to its objectives. His departure is the most visible symptom of WHO's contagion with the UN diseases of autocratic yet indecisive management, poor staff morale and performance, and misdirected resources. His com plaints are echoed elsewhere in WHO, The Essential Drugs Programme, which gives poor countries basic medicines at affordable prices, is in such disarray that the Nordic countries las week lodged a complaint.

Dr Mann's word carries immense weight, yet there is no indication that any Western-government is prepared to intervene in what a senior British official last week described as "an internal staff matter, just a

question of personalities' Excessive fidelity to institutional moulds will hinder international co-operation. Western governments need to decide whether or not they take UN organizations seriously as channeis for multilateral co-operation. If they do, they should forget about reforming the worst of them, build up the capacities of the small number capable of good work, and redirect funds

accordingly.
Otherwise, they should be franker about the virtues of bypassing them. The collapse of the Berlin Wall has removed the. familiar (and defeatist) excuse. that the UN functions badly because it mirrors a world at loggerheads. The channels for co-operation have multiplied in: ways which could never have been foreseen in 1945. Competition is bealthy. It is time for the United Nations to be exposed to it.

Clifford Longley marks his card for the Runcie succession stakes

Habgood by a head

on treating the selection of the successor to Dr Robert Runcie as the Cantuar Stakes - with the first prize. presumably, two palaces and 10 years or so in purgatory. With bishops known officially by their Christian name and diocesan name, sometimes in Latin, the

commentary could go like this: "They're off! Straight from the starting gate like a bullet, Bill Petriburg on Funny Boy is far ahead of the field at the first fence and going like a steam train. No one else has started yet except Dick Oxon on Ethical Pitfalls - and he's off at a gallop in the opposite direction. A possé is trying to assemble under Chelmsford — a bishop's gotta do what a bishop's gotta do — to fetch him back. But John Waine (for it is he) can't find his horse in the dark.

"Back at the start, Robin Armagh has remounted No Surrender, but seems to be waiting for an official escort before setting off. John Ebor is insisting that his horse, Public Faith, is purely hypothetical and refuses to mount. Just a minute ... he's convened a seminar! John of St Albans is reading a statement to his horse, Press Association. Colin Winton is into his third genuflexion before getting into the saddle on Basingstoke Man. but he's waiting for the next race,

the Londin Cup... An ecclesiastical steeplechase can be good fun. It is not thought bad form in the Church of England to admit to being mildly ambitious, but the slight embarrassment associated with the worldliness of such thoughts is smothered, as in the case of sex, by treating them humorously.

The present Archbishop of

Canterbury has a stock joke about two very status-minded prelates, a predecessor of his and an Archbishop of York, each of whom called himself Primate of England. On one occasion they both tried to occurv the same throne, and there was an unseemly push-and-shove. Eventually, this being the Middle Ages, the pope, with Solomon-like wisdom, solved the quarrel by making the Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of All England, leaving York with the lesser title. It might be called the two-thrones solution.

This primary primacy of Canterbury has established a well-trodden path from Bishopthorpe, York, to Lambeth Palace, a pilgrims' way which has no return journey. So whenever Canterbury has become vacant and York is occupied by a younger man who is fit and competent, there has usually been something of a presumption in his favour. There ought, therefore, to be something of a presumption in favour of the present Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood. There ought to be even more of a presumption in his favour; on this occasion, as he happens to be the outstanding churchman of his generation, with the conceivable exception of Dr Runcie himself

Yet for various reasons, few in the Church of England regard him as a likely successor. He reinforced this feeling when he remarked, some time ago, that he is too old (63 in June) to be Archbishop of Canterbury at the time of the next Lambeth Conference, due in 1998.

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The Church of England does not care very much about the other churches in the Anglican Communion, perhaps on the basis that they need it more than it needs them. It would not be easy to persuade the Church of England, therefore, that it could not have the man it wanted simply because it would be a bit inconvenient to Anglicans elsewhere. Dr Habgood's reasoning, if adopted as a principle for the future, would restrict the choice of Archbishops of Canterbury every time, and the only longterm solution would be always to appoint a new archbishop halfway between Lambeth conferences, while not insisting invariably on retirement by 70. But that would be the tail wagging the dog.

r Habgood is a shade Junpopular, for the super-ficial reason that he sometimes adopts a slightly patronizing manner, particularly when he feels called upon to point out the obvious. He is a further shade unpopular among conservative evangelicals for being tolerant of theological liberalism and for being too clever to be narrow about doctrine. Anglo-Catholics are cautious towards him because he does not share their objections to the ordination of women. The more fundamentalist backbench Conservatives are hostile because he does not agree with them. One or two other marks are recorded against him in various black books, though none of them fatal.

Against these quite trivial objections are formidable credentials. He runs a good diocese and inspires loyalty in it. He is a great committee man - and the church is run by committees. He is an excellent theologian - and the Church of England will get out of its present mess only if it is made to think very hard. He was trained as a scientist and is the one man on the bench of bishops of whom it can realistically be said that he would probably have risen to the top in any profession he chose - as a Lord Chief Justice, Nobel scientist, Cabinet minister, vice- chancelior, or whatever.

The Church of England has to find the best man available, and all the candidates have flaws. Here, Dr Habgood does no worse than average. Comparing abilities, he easily comes top. Intellectually, he could eat his main rival, the Archbishop of Armagh, Robert Earnes, for breakfast. Dr Earnes is no mean figure, so that is no mean tribute. And if Dr Eames is good enough, he is certainly young enough to succeed the Primate of the North when the Cantuar Cup is next in contention.

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WHEN the first man landed on the moon, I was in Jamaica. At the beach, our transistor radio erackled out the news while a very large black lady sold coconuts. I will never forget her reaction.

She did not believe it. It was a frick. The Americans had made it up. The pictures were faked. She was quite sure. Her igorance of space technology and e workings of the world's news dia induced not intellectual mility, but blithe confidence in own judgement. She might be a peasant woman, but she

not going to be fooled. on the eve of April Fool's Day, D. I miss that woman. We in to be entering one of those which do for humans what e volcanic upheavals of the ozoic period did for rocks. levelled and new ones mperial mountain ranges are

They can't all be having us on...

everywhere quivering, steam is hissing from the most unlikely places and the political landscape

is changing before our eyes. The problem is that you just don't know what to believe. Since Christmas, I have been surveying each day's papers convinced that I am confronted by yet another bunch of April Fool's Day hoaxes sone off half-cock and too early, like daffodils in the snow.

What started it (and rumbles on) was nerestroika. As the whole of the Eastern bloc shakes before our eyes, we only await Mr Gorbachov's appearance on TV wearing a red plastic nose, rocking with laughter and shouting

But before this background of earth-shattering unlikelihood dances a foreground of more trivial impossibilities. It began with a press release on

Ministry of Agriculture notepaper headlined "Minister opens egg plant". It was a new egg-packing factory. Then Labour MP Austin

Mitchell started a series of written parliamentary questions about mice. Would the Prime Minister raise the issue of the European Commission's proposed appointment of a European Mouse Care Expert?" But surely, I thought, The

Times could not be serious in its

announcement that "a leading

energy analyst, Dr Florentine Krause", had explained that "pigs could play a vital role in curbing global warming". He meant it! Apparently "pigs emit only 1.3. per cent of their diet as methane":

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that is, they fart less than sheep. Sheep bore the brunt of yet another Ministry of Agriculture news release of whose seriousness I have still to be convinced. "Advice to pregnant women dur-ing the lambing period" was the headline. "Pregnant women should avoid close contact with ewes... If you experience influenza-like symptoms after coming into contact with sheep, seek

immediate medical advice." And, as April Fools' Day and the community charge approach, the pace of pre-hoax incredibilities has been hotting up. A certain Dr Bruce Reddington, of Surbiton, wrote last week to The Sunday Times about Aids. Dr R

accepts that up to 40 per cent of Africans will soon have Aids; a prospect "of hundreds of millions of deaths". But to this cloud the doctor sees a silver lining. "In terms of overpopulation, energy consumption and the release of greenhouse gases, it will be the salvation of the planet."
And, lest unbelievable insen-

sitivity be thought a white man's problem, take a Financial Times report of Robert Mugabe's present election campaign against the Zimbabwean opposition party, Zum. "Aids kills," says his Zanu television ad. "So does Zum." Mrs Thatcher might try that approach.

In the same week, the Daily

Mail's environment correspondent had warned of a "Plague of Ladybirds". "Sunseekers", he tells us, "will find a nip in the air as the gardeners' friend takes wing. People wearing yellow Tshirts on beaches in the South and East are apparently at greatest risk." Serious? Apparently.

But surely not this? "Misery is skin deep for millions," says the same paper. "The greenhouse effect could mean misery for millions of acne sufferers, skin experts warned yesterday.

"Speaking at the launch of National Spot Week ... " No. I can't bear it.

Besides, there is time only for the latest news. I read somewhere the other day that the former landlady of Lord Linley's local, the Ferret and Firkin, is a theology graduate. Tomorrow can only be an anti-



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GERMANY DISPOSES

The past two days may prove to have marked a turning point in Anglo-German relations. This is not to say that the Prime Minister and Chancellor Kohl have buried their differences. German reunification has deep implications for collective security and for the future of the European Community and the past week's speeches in Cambridge showed that argument will continue.

 Yet the atmosphere has cleared perceptibly, largely through a greater flexibility on Mrs Thatcher's part. She proposed to extend the role of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) to include free elections, the rule of law, and private property as fundamental human rights.

Her mooting of a "great alliance for democracy" is a sign that her European policy is willing to strike out in new directions. beyond merely reactive and preventive measures. She is ready to shape a new international order for which her distant admirers in Eastern Europe have been waiting.

The question of what Britain expects from a united Germany - and what it does not want has lately been vexed. Germans, East and West, have urgently needed an answer. Mrs Thatcher's view is that the continuing presence of American and British forces in Germany, reduced in numbers but still including nuclear weapons, should be part of the reunification trade-off. She has refused to abandon her insistence that Germany's neighbours, above all to the East, are entitled to feel secure within their borders. She has maintained this insistence even at risk of some unpopularity amid the euphoria of the past winter.

This theme grates on many German ears, not because they presently harbour territorial ambitions, but because they feel insulted at the mere suggestion that they might ever again entertain such ambitions. They resent any suggestion that guarantees on this issue are still in order, some regarding it as British condescension, others as an anachronistic and insular fantasy.

In this they are naive. German reunification has already brought a number of understandable anxieties to the surface throughout Europe. While Germany may pride itself on its 40 years of democracy, it can hardly turn on even its milder critics and warn them that, unless they desist and grant it everything it wants, it will revert to the nationalism of previous eras.

The anxieties are several, yet all are concentrated in the German past which, like a stubbornly malevolent imp, refuses to depart from the cheerful scene of family reconciliation. The November revolution of 1989 shared some characteristics with that of 1918. It came only after the old regime had been thwarted by forces generated beyond its borders - this time from the Hungarians and Mr Gorbachov. A national myth of revolutions from below should not blind Germans to the fact that the East German population generally obeyed the Ulbricht/Honecker regime until it became safe not to do so. Europe simply cannot and will not forget the still recent past.

More disturbing is the fact that Bonn was even more surprised and ill-prepared for last autumn's events than the rest of the world. Too cosy a relationship with the Honecker regime had blinded many to the fact that it had neither legal nor moral foundation. A narrow emphasis on providing for the creature comforts of East Germans had led the Westerners to disregard the illegitimacy of the regime.

Mrs Thatcher's emphasis on enshrining the rule of law in the new order is hence entirely appropriate to the German case. The gross material inequalities which will follow in the wake of reunification are a potential breeding ground for extremist political forces. All Germans should understand the concern of those other West Europeans who lived happily alongside the Bonn republic, but who view the accession of the former Prussian hinterland and the likely transfer of the capital to Berlinwith trepidation.

Neutralism is the code word for all that Britain does not want from the new Germany. Mrs Thatcher is right to fix on this, because only in a neutral Germany are these sears likely to find fulfilment.

Herr Kohl does not desire to play the part of European power-broker, on the Bismarck model, but his successors may find that temptation irresistible. Yet even Bismarck's genius did not in the end enable him successfully to play off East against West. Still less would a latter-day epigone be likely to pull off the feat.

AFTER STALKER

In a society racked by violence, there are few issues more important than the quality and accountability of those charged with society's protection. There are also few issues more likely to be handled with economy of truth by embarrassed governments, for they are dependent on security forces to make and consolidate whatever progress can be made to contain the violence. This dependence inhibits politicians as they press for accountability. Could they one day press too far and provoke mutiny?

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This question has hovered over each investigation into allegations concerning the behaviour of Royal Ulster Constabulary officers, from the mistreatment at Castlereagh. through the Stalker affair to the present Stevens inquiry into collusion between serving officers and militant "loyalist" groups.

Mr Stevens and his team appear to have reached two conclusions: that the problem can be diminished but not eradicated and that they have not discovered as much as they could about the contribution made by police officers to leaking lists of IRA suspects. So far, arrests have been confined to soldiers of the Ulster Defence Regiment, not the RUC.

These conclusions are both realistic and dispiriting. Mr Stevens laboured under a burden laid upon him by a statement made by the Attorney-General to the House of Commons on January 26, 1988.

There was, the Attorney-General said, prima-facie evidence from the Stalker-Sampson investigation that RUC officers had tried to pervert the course of justice but that the public interest weighed against prosecutions. It would be hard to find more discouraging words for any police officer subsequently asked to investigate internal RUC matters.

It is not, of course, the only barrier to the discovery of the truth. Internal investigations of policemen by other policemen are notoriously hard; examples of frustrated inquiries are equally prevalent among police forces on the mainland. What one writer has recently called the police "canteen culture" cements powerful loyalties which can prove stronger than duties and rules. In the RUC, this combines with the communal imbalance of the force. Overwhelmingly Protestant, it has never managed to raise the proportion of Roman Catholics above one tenth of its number. The reason is simple: Catholic policemen are certain to become outcasts from their own community. and are particularly vulnerable to lethal

Corruption of policemen is a risk when the rewards of crime are high. The corruption of policemen and troops living close to their own community by men of violence who live there too cannot be eradicated. Violence creates its own terror, and fear in the community corrodes standards and honesty. The risk of corruption increases the likelihood that in a religiously homogeneous force, leakers and colluders will remain undiscovered.

But, as the present inquiry appears to have decided, the risk can be reduced by improved procedure. It can also be confronted by a firm statement of the obvious from the top of the force; that there is no truth to the insidious suggestion that policemen might be right to leak intelligence information because of the frustration of trying to convict men of violence under the law.

This improvement of procedure is part and parcel of the steady application of mainland disciplines to the security forces over the last 20 years. Before that it was, in effect, insulated from external inspection. It is worth noting that, while these inspections and inquiries can often be criticized as incomplete, they have usually had some effect in stopping or at least limiting the wrongdoing at which they are

In this case, the RUC has been forced to admit that the problem of leakage exists something it had not previously done. The appointment of an outside team must have made repetition of such serious breaches of trust less likely. But their eradication awaits the suppression of communal violence and a more representative confessional balance among the defenders of the law.

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Scientists engaged in digging very deep holes claim to have found, at a depth never before known to contain any kind of organic life, microbes which have survived for 31/2 million years. We think we know the restaurant.

Before we turn to the bacteria, however, let us pause to consider the holes. Some of these are as much as half a mile or so deep, which is quite a distance to go to meet a microbe. But the mystery is deeper than that; indeed, it is about as deep as the holes. For the boffins were not fishing for microbes at all, and were as astonished as we would be if we came face to face with them when we were out snorkelling.

The report, in one of our contemporaries, gives no clue as to the reason for the holes. Clearly, the scientists were not drilling for oil, diamonds or other precious materials; these were serious seekers into nature's secrets, and the microbes were by way of bonus.

But if they were not after treasure, and had no idea that the microbes had their beady eyes on the intruders as the drill-pipe came nearer, what were the experts expecting to find down there? In the cartoon films it would be starfish, which would wiggle their limbs in time to the music. But it is extremely unlikely that a man in a white coat would descend half a mile into the briny in order to see a starfish at close

A fortieri, nobody would go to such lengths,

let alone depths, merely because on his honeymoon he had dropped overboard from the cruise-liner a copy of the latest Jack Higgins, and was anxious to find out how it

And remember: the whole story is based on the fact that the presence of the microbes was entirely unexpected by the scientists, because they were sure that no life, however primitive, could exist at those levels. That rules out the theory that they were looking for science-fiction creatures - giant squid 90 yards across, swordfish wielding mechanical saws, readycooked plaice and chips, that sort of thing.

Yet if what the scientists were doing is strange, what about the microbes? A good night's sleep is just what the doctor ordered, and there is no reason why that should not apply to microbes, too. But even the Sleeping Beauty clocked up no more than a hundred years, and a good night's sleep prolonged for three and a half million is going rather exceptionally far.

It is tempting, though perhaps fruitless, to speculate about what a microbe, woken up after a kip lasting that long, would say: "Run my bath" is most unlikely, "Turn the mattress" hardly less so, "Scrambled eggs and grilled tomatoes, please" virtually out of the question. We shall settle for "What kept you?", and let the scientists answer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police keeping house in order

From Chief Inspector John

Sir, I am a chief inspector within the West Midlands police, a force currently under much scrutiny by the media. I agree that where it has been clearly established that police behaviour has lapsed below the normal high standards we set in this country it should be exposed by the media. There is, however, an inherent danger in concentrat-ing on specific cases of police malpractice and applying issues raised in general terms to the police service as a whole. In response to Bernard Levin's

article, "Innocence in face of the evidence" (March 26), I pose the question, who re-investigated those cases recently heard by the Court of Appeal, involving, for example, the West Midlands Police Serious Crime Squad and the Guildford Four? In our case, in the original complaint investigation, it was police officers themselves, supervised by the Police Complaints Authority. I accept that those complaints were raised by defence solicitors.

The manner in which police officers from outside forces conducted themselves whilst undertaking those re-investigations is a more accurate reflection of the professionalism of the service today than the malpractice they

The police service is no exception to the rapid change of pace experienced by other public-sector organisations such as the health service and education. I firmly believe, as a middle-ranking of-ficer, that all is not gloom within the service, nor that there is a need for direct-entry managers on the lines of the Armed Services (report, February 17).

I am involved with a management-training programme in which I have close contact with senior officers and civilian managers employed by the West Mid-lands police. At risk of accusations of naivety, I see no evidence to support the need of direct-entry managers. I see real evidence of senior police officers and managers within the force taking a critical look at themselves and the organisation and being prepared to ensure that we continue to provide an effective and efficient service with the resources available. Yours faithfully, JOHN COLSTON,

Police Training Centre, Pershore Road, Edghaston, Birmingham, West-Midlands.

Teaching of science

From Professor R. J. Blin-Stoyle, FRS Sir, References to the

GCSE balanced science in your columns, most recently by Dr Peach (March 28), imply that a science teacher will be expected to teach across the whole science curriculum. Although this is generally the situation in the early years, at GCSE level balanced science can readily be delivered by specialists teaching their own subjects.

The important requirement however, is that this teaching should be carried out in a coordinated fashion so that key inter-disciplinary areas are treated properly and the pupil benefits from the reinforcement in understanding that one area of science can give to another.

Yours faithfully, ROGER BLIN-STOYLE, University of Sussex, Brighton, East Sussex

From Mr J. Darnton Sir, As a practising chemistry teacher in a comprehensive school I am being forced to give up the teaching of chemistry as a separate subject The reason I am given is that the National Curriculum demands it. In my view, one certainly could not follow an Alevel course in chemistry on the basis of the National Curriculum. Yours faithfully, J. DARNTON,

29 Greenhill Road, Heighington, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. March 25.

Misuse of byways From Mr Peter Facey

Sir, This club promotes the responsible use of "Boats" (byways open to all traffic) by fourwheel drive (4WD) vehicles for recreation. Our code of conduct includes a 25 m.p.h. speed limit, turning off engines for horses, and the avoidance of surface damage. lf nuisance is caused a council can permanently cancel vehicular rights even on a "Boat" by applying a traffic regulation order nst which there is no appeal.

"Boats" are coming under pressure because of the growing num-bers of 4WD vehicles in the leisure class. To enable owners to test their skill off the road, this club organises events most weekends on private or Ministry of Defence and for which we pay. But such facilities are becoming increasingly scarce due to planning constraints and conservation mea-sures such as sites of special scientific interest.

The long-term solution of this problem, in my view, must lie in a better partnership between landowners and 4WD-users. But planning and agricultural diversifi-cation policies must change to permit this. Yours faithfully, P. V. FACEY,

All Wheel Drive Club, 134 Sandyburst Lane, Ashford, Kent

Ouestions on the Tory leadership

From Sir John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge

(Conservative)
Sir, To judge from the news media, we are passing through an era comparable to the dark days after Dunkirk in 1940. Of course, there is a lot wrong in our society today, yet common sense tells us that all is not wrong.

The nation has never been so prosperous as now; never have so many people owned their houses or been in work; never before have so many owned motor cars, or travelled abroad so often and so

Are we not becoming a nation of Yours faithfully JOHN STOKES, House of Commons

From Mr Cyril D. Townsend, MP for Bexleyheath (Conservative) Sir, it did you no credit to say of Michael Heseltine (leading article, March 26), "he is just a flash in the pan". Those who watched his performance as Secretary of State for Defence, and in particular his vigorous and effective campaign against CND and his drive for greater efficiency in the Ministry of Defence, will know he is a serious, and indeed highly impressive politician.

For some of us the problems facing the Government go deeper than personalities, interest rates, and the community charge. The Government has not been behaving like a Conservative Govern-

Given our small lead at the last general election, in terms of share of the vote, it has been unwise to push through policies that so lacked public support, and which had not been properly considered by experienced people outside the Government. We have attempted too much; we have taken on too many groups. We have chosen confrontation rather than encouraging evolution. This is now reflected in by-elections and opinion polls.

In the European Community we have taken one step forward, one step backward. As a London MP I fear what this might do to the future of the City of London.

Time is short, but not too short for the Cabinet to stop behaving like 19th-century Whigs (the Harrods affair was the latest example), and to bring back the values and traditions of our party under leaders of the calibre of Churchill and Macmillan. We need to remember the need for compassion as well as competition; to recall our historic role to unite a divided society. We need to consider ourselves again as the party of Europe. Yours faithfully, CYRIL D. TOWNSEND, House of Commons.

March 26. From Mr William Shepherd Sir, Only the churlish would seek to deny the signal services which Mrs Thatcher has vendered to this country, although it is all too easy

Inflationary trends From Professor Emeritus David Bell

to forget the 22 per cent inflation,

the Leader of the Opposition, must say that high interest does increase inflation, as measured by the retail price index, in three ways

the direct effect of mortgage costs in the index; increasing the costs of every enterprise which needs to borrow working capital, and encouraging larger wage claims. The Government has to pay higher interest on Treasury bills, as well as on longer-term Government securities and National Savings.

tion" is "too much money chasing too few goods", but this is no longer useful when the quantity of

No nuclear defence? From the Director of the Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons

How can we argue that other nations should not acquire nuclear weapons when we continue to possess them ourselves and increa their numbers? The actions and policies of Iraq are beyond con-tempt. But is Britain in a position to say so? Yours faithfully,

First-class post

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They

the trade union-dominated policies and the endless millions of taxpayers' money paid out to sup-

But to decide that the time is ripe for her to retire as Prime Minister is neither churlish nor perverse. For she has now become, wittingly or unwittingly, the enemy of the concepts for which she stands and to which she has made such significant contributions. Her personal unpopularity is casting a shadow on policies that many would consider vital to our society. Abroad, faltering judgments on Europe, South Africa, and Germany are earning for us a far from splendid isolation from

In a world blessed or cursed with instant communication, this unpopularity is being ruthlessly exploited. Comfortably ensconced professionals in the universities. schools, and hospitals are using it to try to prevent an urgently needed shake-up in the services

for which they are responsible. The extent to which Mrs Thatcher's unpopularity is being exploited to mislead and misinform almost defies belief. What percentage of even the "informed" element of the community realises that the resources handed to the NHS have in the last decade increased by 40 per cent in real terms, that social security has benefited similarly, and that Government spending is nearly 40 per cent of the GNP?

However unjust the pressure may be, Mrs Thatcher should walk. Much of the task of rescuing the country from socialism and trade union domination has been completed. A less powerful, less dynamic leader might well fill the need of the times, concentrating upon social and industrial improvement. To find such a leader, one would not have to look much further than Sir Geoffrey Howe, whose compassion, integrity, and solid abilities make an appeal to a wide section of the community. Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD, 77 George Street, Portman Square, W1. March 28.

From Professor Emeritus Bernard Crick Sir, At times when Hayek is no help, one may turn to Machiavelli: Pope Julian II was impetuous in everything; and he found the time and circumstances so favourable to his way of proceeding that he was always successful . . . The brevity of his ponufical life, however, did not let him experience the contrary. If there had come times when it was necessary for him to act prudently be would have come unstuck: he could never have acted other than in character. I conclude, therefore, that because Fortune is change whereas men are obstinate in their ways, men prosper so long as fortune and policy are in accord, and when there is a clash they fail [from the Penguin edition of Machiavelli's The Prince].

Yours very sincerely, BERNARD CRICK 8a Bellevue Terrace, Edinburgh 7. March 28.

In reply to Mr Garvin's second

point (March 28), figures from 1970 to 1988 do not give much

support for the idea that borrow-

It is also an illusion that money

Government. The tradition of

supply could easily be controlled

the Bank of England is of accom-

modation, i.e., it will always provide what is needed, though

probably at an appropriate rate of

hable to succeed Dr Runcie

(March 26) you say that Irishman

Dr Robert Eames is likely to be

short-listed "if only to placate opinion in the rest of the Anglican

This world-wide Communion

consists of between 60 and 70 million people, most of whom live in Africa and Asia, where the

Church is growing very fast. The Archbishop of Canterbury is lead-er of these Christians. I am not

convinced they will be placated by the listing of Dr Eames, no matter how strong his candidature.

In view of where the geographical strength of Anglicanism lies.

surely an African or Asian bishop

has a strong claim to be considered.

From the Rector of Norwell Sir, For Mr Harry Greenway to

say that the Church of England

must eschew politics (report, March 26) is quite simply a

nonsense. Whatever else it is about, politics is about making

choices, choices inevitably possess

a moral dimension, morality is

part of the business of religion,

religion is surely the concern of the

ROBERT WHITTAKER,

Main Street, Norwell, Nottinghamshire.

Norwell Vicarage,

Yours faithfully, JOHN MADELEY,

19 Woodford Close,

Caversham, Reading, Berkshire, March 26,

CofE

QED.

Yours faithfully,

Communion".

D. A. BELL, 87 East End, Walkington,

ing is reduced by high interest.

goods can be increased by importing more than are exported, so change in the r. p. i. is the most useful, as well as the most widely used measure of inflation.

Sir. Much as I dislike supporting

The classic definition of "infla-

Beverley, Humberside. March 28. Canterbury succession From Mr John Madeley Sir, In your review of churchmen

Sir, I can only agree that the Non-Proliferation Treaty is "a wholly inadequate safeguard" (leading article, March 29). Part of the reason for this is that Britain continues to flout its terms and

TONY SMYTHE, Director, Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons, 601 Holloway Road, N19. March 29.

From Mrs Gwyneth Cheeseman Sir, Kate Baldwin's letter (March 22) reminded me of a card I sent from Mata to friends in Green Street Green, Kent. I recalled no street names, so drew a neat map, placing a cross on the spot where their house was.

It arrived, with no delay. Yours faithfully, GWYNETH CHEESEMAN, Willows, Stockley Lane, Caine, Wiltshire. March 23.

(01)782 5046.

St Paul's reply to Ilea chief

From the Dean of St Paul's Sir, Following the letter from Mr Neil Fletcher (March 30) I would just like to point out that the service for the Inner London Education Authority on March 27 was not planned solely by the Dean and Chapter, but by a committee consisting of representatives of Ilea as well as St

It was liea that requested a service in St Paul's. A great deal of care went into the compilation of this service, which was agreed by the Hea representatives, who played a full part in its preparation. It was our hope that political controversy would be avoided. An act of worship in St Paul's is not the place in which to make a party political point.

At the beginning of the service, I said in my welcome: "The time for post mortems is over. We here now, at this service, have simply to thank God for the past and pray for the future." That, as I understood it, was the theme.

The Bishop of London, in his address, while thanking God for the past and recognising that errors may have been made, encouraged us all to look hopefully to the years ahead. Mr Fletcher's personal intervention struck a jarring note in what I believe to have been a truly worthy act of worship. Yours faithfully T. ERIC EVANS

The Deanery, 9 Amen Court, EC4. March 30.

Youth training From Mr Brian Jarvis

Sir, As a managing agent for YTS (youth training scheme) in hairdressing, we are at present conducting a survey of nearly 1,200 trainees who joined our YTS programme between September, 1983, and September, 1987.

So far we have had replies from approximately one sixth of the total from the group that Professor Bynner's study (report, March 26) would indicate have a lack of

From this initial response, 73 per cent are in employment, 6.5 per cent own their own business and 4 per cent are staying at home to raise a family. One response was from a young lady who, having qualified as a hairdresser, is at present working in a factory in order to raise the money to open her own business.

Perhaps the lack of drive suggested by the Bynner study has more to do with the nature of the training received or the industry in which they work rather than the young people themselves.

For all that some people may look down on the hairdressing industry, it would appear that the youngsters who enter it are not just interested in money and the

short-term prospects. It is a pity that the severe cuts which are about to be made in the funding of youth training will mean that the low-pay sectors such as hairdressing may well find it impossible to continue to use YT as a method of recruitment and training. Yours faithfully,

BRIAN JARVÍS Managing Director), Hairdressing Training Associates, Swan Court, Waterhouse Street, Hemei Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Being prepared

From Mr C. S. Clark Sir, This morning (March 26) I perused the Focus report on electricity privatisation. Three statements seemed to be of particular interest:

1. "The CEGB was probably the best power-generating company of its type in the world".

2. "Two competitive generating companies ... will emerge from the CEGB at the end of the month".

3. "A new chapter in the history of Britain's electricity industry opens from midnight on Friday This afternoon I have taken the precaution of checking that our

hurricane oil lamps are in order, and that we have a supply of condles. Yours truly C. S. CLARK,

The Cottage, Staplehurst Road, Carshalton, Surrey. March 26.

Late dealings From Mr S. A. Hill

Sir, According to the front page of your Business Section today (early editions) "The US market opened one hour later yesterday because of British summer time". How nostalgic. It recalls the days when fog in the English Channel used to cut off the Continent. Yours faithfully, S. A. HILL.

34 Broomfield Road Heaton Moor, Stockport, Cheshire, March 27.

Waste of time

From Mr John W. S. Presson Sir, I have just spent odd moments this last weekend adding one hour to the time on up to 20 clocks. Later this year I shall spend a lot more time reversing the whole. DIOCESS

Why do digital clock manufacturers not make the time setting go backwards as well as forwards? Yours faithfully, J. W. S. PRESTON, Cheriton, 10 Manor Way, South Croydon, Surrey. March 26.

AIR COMMODORE HAROLD WHITE



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 30: His Excellency Mr
Karel Duda was received in
audience by The Queen and
presented the Letters of Recall
of his predecessor and his own
Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenis

Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to
the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members
of the Embassy: Mr Jaromir
Přibyl (Minister Counsellor),
Mr Roman Hronek (Coun-Mr Roman Hronek (Coun-sellor), Mr Stefan Ziak (Commercial Counsellor), Colonel Jaroslav Puchner (Military and Air Attaché), Mr Milan ann Air Atiacne), Mr Milan Glozar (Counsellor), Mr Radislav Jordak (Second Secretary), Mr Jiri Obdrzalek (Second Secretary) and Lieutenant Colonel Jan Sabo (Assistant Military and Air Attaché).

Mistary and Air Attache).

Mrs Dudova was also received by Her Majessy.

Mr Roger Tomkys (Deputy Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellency Mr Mervyn I. Assam and Mrs Assam were received in farewell audience by The Queen when His Excellency took leave upon relinquishing

his appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in

dilly, this morning and, on behalf of Her Majesty, wel-comed Their Excellencies on their arrival in this Country.

The Princess Royal arrived at Royal Air Force Lyneham this

KENSINGTON PALACE March 30: The Duchess of Gloucester, President, the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama, this afternoon attended the "Workshop for Primary Schools", Oundle School, Peter-borough, Cambridgeshire.

March 30: The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, today visited the 1st Battalion in Catterick, North

Forthcoming marriages

Dr T. Brown

Dr T. Brown
and Dr F. Morrison
The engagement is announced
between Timothy, second son of
Servers, of Dr and Mrs Bernard Brown, of or and Mrs Bernard Brown, of Balerno, Edinburgh, and Fiona, Younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Morrison, Bracken Hill, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.

Dr D.L. Fliteroft and Dr J. O'Dounell

The engagement is announced between Daniel Ian, youngest son of Mrs Teresa Fireroft and the late Dr Terence Flitcroft, of Streatley, Berkshire, and Jean, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan O'Donnell, of Dalkey, County Dublin, Ireland.

Mr R.F. Hadana

and Miss F.M. Coppock
The engagement is announced
between Roger, younger son of
Mr and Mrs Gordon Hodson, of
Upper Hartfield, East Sussex,
and Floos, daughter of Mr and
Mrs Kenneth Coppock, of
Welwyn Garden City,
Hertfordshire.

Wellfield, Ballymore Eustace, Co Kildare, and Miss Susan Harvey, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Harvey, of 95 Barrowgate Road, Chiswick, W4. Canon Anthony Caesar officiated assisted by Dom Justin Arbery-Price, OSB.

Abbott was best man.
A reception was held at Boodle's and the honeymoon is

Latest wills

Mr Sidney Arthur Victor Batler, of London NW4, left estate valued at £2,041,556 net. He left his estate mostly to his relatives.

Appointments

Fifth Sunday

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9.30 M: 11 S Each Four voices (Byrd). Server R. Levis: 3.18 E. Responses (Brown). Repetit (Brown). Responses (Brown).

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in Lent

Mr Colin S. Wills to be Chairman of the British Council's Visiting Arts, in succession to

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Lord in Waiting) called upon The President of Vanuatu and Mrs Timakata at the Athenaeum Hotel, Piccadilly this mergine series.

morning from Switzerland.
Mrs Timothy HoldernessRoddam was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

Mrs Julian Tomkins and Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell were in attendance.

Gloucester has become the Honorary President of the

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie P. Lawrence, of Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire, and Caroline, younger daughter of the late Mr Arthur F. Adkins and Mrs Mary Adkins, of Jersey.

Mr A.M. Leach and Miss C.S. Townsley The engagement is announced between Andrew Manley, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. Leach, of Langton Green, Kent, and Catherine Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Townsley, of

Prestbury, Cheshire. Mr J.R. Petty

The engagement is announced between James Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert W. Petty, of Rawdon, West Yorkshire, and Clare Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael T. Dawson, of Harden, West Yorkshire.

Marriages

Mr R.H. Bewles A family wedding took place between Mr Robert Bowden, of Hampshire, and Miss Sarah Barton-Jones, of London, on March 2. A party will be held

Mr J.P.H. McKeever and Miss S.J. Harvey The marriage took place yesterday at the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, between Mr and Mrs Peter McKeever, of

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Martha and Archie Alexander. Mr Christopher

being spent abroad.

Professor Sir Ronald Syme OM, of Wolfson College, Oxford, Camden professor of ancient history, left estate val-ued at £1,085,984 net. He left his papers deposited at the Ashmolean Museum Library to

Miss Friede Marjorie Percy, of Sherwood, Nottingham, left es-tate valued at £1,093,476 net.

Latest appointments include: Sir Hans Kornberg, FRS, to be a trustee of the Wellcome Trust, in succession to Dr Helen Muir, who retires in September.

Receptions

Judge Advocate General
The Lord Chancellor and Lady
Mackay of Clashfern attended a reception given by Mr James Stuart-Smith, Judge Advocate General, and the members of his staff at Middle Temple Hall last rught. The Judge Advocate Gen-eral and Mrs Stuart-Smith and the Vice-Judge Advocate Gen-eral and Mrs Chapman received the guests.

The Adjutant General and Lady Pascoe, the Commandant General Royal Marines and Lady Garrod, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF support Command and Lady Graydon, the Judge Advocate of the Fleet and Mrs Waley, the Director General of Personal Services (Army) and Mrs Stone and the Director General of Personal Services (RAF) and Mrs Crwys-Williams attended.

Mr Michael Forsyth, Minister for Health at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception held in the Chapel Royal, Stirling Castle, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Scot-nish National Blood Transfesion

Luncheons

Prime Minister vesterday at a luncheon held at 10 Downing Street in honour of Dr Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany. The other guests were:
The Anthonomore for the Federal Republic of Cerromay. Dr Tracolor Watgel, Dr Helmul Haussman, Dr Gerburd Stoltenberg, Herr Hams Kielin, Dr Peter Hartmann, Dr Wallar Neuer, Herr Peter Kohl, the Hom Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr John Majov. MP, Mr Tom Kieley, MP, Sir Christopher Mallarly and Mr Charles Proved.

Maple Leaf Lencheso Club Mrs Judith M. Steiner, Chair-man of the Maple Leaf Lunman of the Mapie Leaf Lun-cheon Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Arts Club. Mr Joseph K. Lee, Hong Kong Development Council, was the guest speaker. The Agent General for British Columbia also spoke.

in three parts (Byrd), Rev J O Hasham.
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CHAPEL: 11.30 MP.
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8 HC, 11 S Euch, Rev M Bukriers.
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d, SW7: 8.30 HC: 11 HC. Rev D M

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Wartime ace in crack night fighter squadron

died on March 25, at the age of 66, was one of the war's most successful night fighter pilots, and afterwards continued in that speciality well into the jet age, flying near-supersonic delta-winged aircraft.

He won three DPCs in operations with the famous 141 Squadron, which was the first unit to be flung into the struggle which took place to counter the serious damage the Luftwaffe's own night fighters were wreaking on Bomber Command's raids in

When White joined 141 early in 1943 it could claim to be the RAF's premier night fighting squadron. This was a reputation it had gained through several years of salutary and often painful

It had been involved in the night fighting game since the early days of the war. In 1940 when it first seriously flexed its muscles in anger, night operations had consisted of opefully roving the skies in bi-plane Gladiators and the equally unsuitable Blenheim

RENE Enriquez, the actor who played Lieutenant Ray Calletano, in the

remarkable American television police

series Hill Street Blues, which set a standard for all subsequent productions

of its type for its characterization.

understated humour, variety of incident

and truth to life, has died of cancer at the

The embattled precinct station's sec-ond-in-command, Calletano was a nor-

mally amiable character with a bald head

and genial smile who was proud and

sensitive about his background (for the

purpose of the series as a Colombian)

and unhappy about the status of Hispan-

In the powerful, yet subtle, episode which covered his testimonial banquet,

Calletano shocked his audience - having

been tactlessly misidentified as a Puerto

Rican and served Mexican food - by

throwing away his acceptance speech and complaining that the only other

Hispanics in the room were waiters and

It was a moment which made the kind

Calletano was a pivotal character in a

drama series which became a cult during

of impact not until that point normally

associated with a crime series.

ics in American society.

age of 58.

busbovs.

detection and combat than the as a formidable pair in the occasionally friendly moon. The rare combat victories of

those days were largely a matter of luck, luck which might benefit either side since the moon was an impartial

By 1943 the science of night fighting had evolved out of all recognition. When White joined 141 the squadron had just taken delivery of a new version of Beaufighter equipped with "Serrate"

It was also facing a new and urgent task. The German air defences had been taking a severe toll of Bomber Command's mass raids over Europe and 141 squadron was chosen to spearhead a counter-offensive against the night fighter threat, by escorting the bomber streams on their nightly sorties.

These were combat conditions of a very different sort from those of the Battle of Britain, involving as they did long-range flying with periods of sudden bentle in the dark, "Harry" White and his

opening operations which had mer of 1943.

OBITUARIES

tain two Ju 88s in this period and claimed several Me 110s

In fact the actual figures were probably much higher than those submitted at the time. Inevitably verification of claims was much more difficult at night over foreign territory than it had been during the Battle of Britain, when most of the enemy were downed over British soil. Indeed one of the "damaged"
Me 110s of that period was an AFC in 1952 and in 1956 it only confirmed as a kill after

By 1944, thanks to its fighter escorts, Bomber Command was beginning to get on top of the defences, and by the time White became a flight commander in October of that year he had extended his tally

On several occasions he pointed CRF.

RENE ENRIQUEZ

Thoughtful study of racial identity in Hill Street Blues

acquired a devoted audience which was

not normally given to looking in on police "soaps", but which found itself won over by the sheer quality of the

Before Hill Street Blues made him

internationally known, Enriquez had

played character parts in many other television shows, including Naked City,

Charlie's Angels, Benson and Ouincy.

AIR Commodore Harold bomber conversion, with no radar operator Mike Allen Me 109s fell to his guns. He White, CBE, DFC, AFC, who more sophisticated aid to soon established a reputation remained with the crack 141 Squadron until the end of the war, by which time he had great success against the Gerbers credited with around 15 man air defences in the sum-combat victories, and was combat victories, and was White accounted for a cer-experienced pilots.

Survival during almost three years of continuous combat in the doubly stressful conditions of night tells its own tale. White's flying skills were certainly held in awe by

Harold White had come into the RAF in the Volunteer Reserve, but at the end of the war was offered a permanent CRICET.

was appropriate that he should have been appointed to command No 46 Squadron, the first Javelin night (or all weather, as it was by then known) fighter squadron to eater service with the RAF.

He ended his career in charge of administration for RAF Germany, and was ap-

former President, Enriquez was orig-

inally destined for the priesthood. But in

his teens he decided to leave the

seminary and move to the United States,

A late recruit to acting, he enrolled at

the American Academy of Dramatic Arts

in New York in 1958. He was a member

of the original Lincoln Repertory Com-

pany and learned his craft in a variety of

productions, from Shakespeare to Ten-

In the early years he supported himself

as a stock clerk in a firm on Wall Street

and worked his way up to controller before leaving the job to devote himself

His television enger started to take off

in the 1970s, after he went to California

to appear in the film Harry and Tonto.

His best-known film role was President

Somoza of Nicaragna in Under Fire

(1983), with Nick Nolte and Gene

His other films included Bulletproof,

with Gary Busey, and a Charles Bronson thriller, The Evil That Men Do.

during the Korean War.

ssee Williams.

to acting full time.

ued to exercise a quiet but Lyon King of Arms of this act considerable influence on of aristocratic leap-frogging, shot down two Jn 88s in a He leaves his widow, Diana, single night and several more and two soas. Scottish life by his work as a company director.

their Golden Wedding detachment that was so much amiversary last year. After a part of his character. General Emiliano Chamorro was a

Studying Gandhian non-violence DR GEOFFREY Ostergaard, in future scholars will honour Senior Lecturer in Political Ostergaard for the light he

each other throughout their Haldane with complete

GEOFFREY OSTERGAARD

JAMES HALDANE

Administrator for Glamis Castle

cousin and the head of the Haldane family, the present Laird of Gleneagles, offered

Laird of Gleneagles, offered them a house at Gleneagles

that had been the family school during the third Earl of

Camperdown's tenure of the

900 year old estate. It had been

derelict for more than 50

years, but with care, determination and impeccable taste,

they transformed it into a house of charm and character.

Haldane is survived by his

wife, by two sons, and by one daughter. His elder son, Martin Haldane, has followed his father with comparable

distinction into the field of

The last months of James

Haldane's life were affected by a much-publicised dynastic

dispute following the decision

of the Laird of Gleneagles to

nominate James's son, Mar-

tin, as the future Laird and

heir to the Gleneagles estate,

in preference to the Laird's

own brother, the society

photographer Brodrick

Controversy surrounding the ratification by the Lord

has led to the temporary removal from the pages of Debretra of the entries of both

James and his elder son. This

development was accepted by

Scottish

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JAMES Haldane, who for Haldane's retirement,

more than 40 years was one of Scotland's leading chartered

accountants and was admin-istrator for the Queen Moth-

er's childhood home, Glamis

The Old Schoolhouse, on the

Haldane family estate,

Gleneagles, in Perthshire. He was 86 and had been in failing

Born on May 14, 1903, he was the elder son of Herbert

William Haldane, a director of

Alston. He was educated at

Winchester and at Magdalen

College, Oxford, and began his career as a characted account-ant in 1929. In the following

year, he became a partner in

the Edinburgh firm of Lindsay Jamieson and Haldane, where

he remained for 40 years,

winning wide esteem and trust

by the meticulous care with which he administered the

esses of some of Scotland's

In 1970, he transferred his

expertise to the Edinburgh firm of Arthur Young McClelland Moores & Com-

pany, and even after his retirement in 1974, he contin-

He married, in 1939, Jo-

anna Thorburn. They re-mained deeply devoted to

leading families.

the Royal Bank of Scotland, and of his wife, Helen Rachel

health for some years.

stle, died on March 30 at

He attended the University of San Prancisco and later studied international Science in the University of relations at San Francisco City College. Birmingham, died on March 22 in Birmingham, aged 63. He served in the United States Air Force

Geoffrey Ostergaard was an academic of special quality, a scholar dedicated to specific and clear ideals. His career was spent almost entirely at University Birmingham, and from there he devoted himself to the theories of anarchism and

pacifism, and in particular to

their embodiment in the be-

liefs of Mahatma Gandhi and his successors. Two major works, The Gen-tle Anarchists (1971, with Melville Currell) and Nonviolent Revolution in India (1985) established his reputation on this topic. Both were empirically based, a reflection of his early training, but it was the virtue of the concepts that really inspired him. For the

most part the world is not yet

ready for these ideals; when it one son.

Ostergaard for the light he threw on the pioneers. Born in 1926 at Hunting-

don, he had developed his ideas in this field while at Oxford, where he was an undergraduate at Merton and then a graduate student at Nuffield College. At Birmingham Ostergaard

was active in encouraging what he regarded as more democratic arrangements in faculty and university affairs in the 1950s and 1960s. When the wind began to blow cold on these notions, however, he concentrated more and more on his teaching. He was rigorous, well-organised, and dedicated over the whole range of political theory though Gandhi was always on the syllabus.

He continued to teach in spite of increasing weakness through the recent term. He leaves a wife, Eva, and

Memorial service

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audiences by Channel 4, where it soon Born in Nicaragua, of which his uncle He was outmarried.

Lady (Edgar) Bouham Carter A memorial service for Lady (Edgar) Bonham Carter was held yesterday in the Crypt Chapel of St Faith, St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean of St Paul's officiated and the Bishop of Winchester said the prayers. Canon John Halliburton and Lord Charteris of Amisfield, Provost of Eton College, read the lessons. The Hon Raymond the lessons. The Hon Raymond Bonham Carter read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland, Mrs E. Norman-Butler read Bright Mariner by Katherine Chapin and from the works of William Shakespeare and Mrs Humphrey Brooke from Childe Harold, Canto 4 by Lord Rump.

Ton Childe Harold, Canto 4 by Lord Byron.

The Right Rev John V.
Taylor, Canon Gervase W.
Markham, the Rev W. Rogers,
the Rev Gerard Bonham Carter,
the Rev Lisa Wright and Prebendary John Foster were robed and in the Sanctuary. Among and in the Sanctuary. Among those present were:
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Worship. Rev T Harkin.
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Mrs Raymond Lort-Phillips and Mr Anthony Lort-Phillips regret that they were unable to attend the memorial service for Lady Bonham-Carter held on Friday. March 30, owing to absence

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Rohrau, Austria, 1732; Edward Frizgerald, translator of The Rubeiyat of Omar Khayyam, Breifield, Suffielk, 1809; Robert von Bunsen, chemist, Göttingen, Germany, 1811; John La Farge, mural painter, New York, 1835; Andrew Lang, writer, collector of folk tales, Selkirk, 1844.

DEATHS: John Donne, poet, dean of St Paul's 1621-31, London, 1631; John Constable, London, 1631; John Constable, London, 1837; Charlotte Brontë, Haworth, Yorkshire, 1855; Lady Charlotte Bury, novelist, London, 1861; Emil von Behring, bacteriologist, No-bel laurente 1901, Marburg, Germany, 1917; Medardo Rosso, sculptor, Milan, 1928; Jesse Owens, athlete, 1936 Olympic Games champion, 1980.

Abdication of Napoleon, 1814. The Eiffel Tower was insugu-rated, 1889. The disestablish-ment of the Charch in Wales,

Service dinners

The Light Cavalry HAC
General Sir Richard Trant was
the guest of honour at the
annual dinner of The Light
Cavalry Honourable Artillery
Company held last night at
Armoury House. Colonel B. A.
Kay, Commanding Officer of
the Light Cavalry, presided A The Computy of Charteres Secretaries and Administra the Light Cavalry, presided. A message of loyal greetings was sent to The Queen as Captain General of the Honourable Artillery Company.

the principal speaker at the annual dinner, of the manchester Regiment Officers' Association held last night, in Manchester. Captain Derek Chatterton presided. Major-General Peter Davies, Colonel of The King's Regiment, was among the guest. among the guests,

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night at the RAF Club. Air
Commodore D.R. Hawkins presided. Marshals of the RAF Sir
John Grandy. Sir Michael
Bectham and Sir Keith Williamson were among the guests.

University news.

Mr Richard Good Smethars,
MA, fellow, has been pre-elected
to the Provostship of Worcester,
College from August 1, 1991.

BIRTHS: William Harvey, physician, discoverer of the circulation of the blood, Folkestone, 1578; L'Abbé Prévost, novelist, Headin, France, 1697; Solomon Gessner, printer and poet, Zurich, 1730; Prince Otto von Bismarck, chancellor of Germany 1871-90, Schönhausen, 1815; Sir Truby

Schönhausen, 1815; Sir Truby King, pioneer of mothercraft, New Plymouth, New Zealand, 1858; Ferrucio Busoni, pianist and composer, Empoli, Italy, 1866; Edmond Rostand, dramatist, Marseilles, 1866; Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer and pianist, Oneg, Russia, 1873; Lon Chaney, actor, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1883; Dame Cicely Courtneidge, actress, Sydney, New South Wales, 1893. DEATHS: Robert III, king of Souland 1390-1406, Rothesay, 1406; John Langhorne, poet, Blaydon, Somerset, 1779; Ferenc Molnár, dramatist, New York, 1952; Max. Ernst, Surrealist painter and sculptor, Paris, 1976.

The Royal Air Force was formed, absorbing the Royal Flying Corps, 1918.

Dinners

Secretaries and Administrators
The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress, accompanied by the
Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the
Company of Chartered Seoretaries and Administrators
held last night at the Mansion
House: Mr Kenneth Parry, Master, assisted by the Wardens,
presided. The Lord Mayor, the
Senior Warden and the Master
Cutter in Hallamshire also
spoke.

Associates of County Count and District Registrars held at the Law Society's Hall last night. The Honotrable Mr. Justice Swinton Thomas was the principal steet and responded on cipal guest and responded on behalf of the guests. Other guests

The Honourable Mr Justice Johnson, His Honour Judge White, Her Honour Judge Bracewell, QC, for Bavild Wars, Mr Raymond Potter, CB, Mr Michael Huebner, Mr Culin Turner and Mr Brian Poster.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Paul Wright, Vicer. St.
Augustine's, Gillingham, diocese Rochester: to be Rector. St Fautinus,
Cruyford, serve diocese.
The Rev William A. L. Zwaff, Rector,
Onathrockeles, brunbridge and Little
Westock, diocese Parastoris, to be
Vicer, Wisheth, St. Pelar and St. Paul,
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Church Army Captain Ray Mills, head of the Church Array in Feland, to be the Church Array's Director of Lyangelson from May 1, in succession to Captain Philip Johannos, who becomes the acciety's

Birthdays

TODAY: The Marquets of Allesbury, 64; Professor Patrick Bateson, provost, King's Coll-ege, Cambridge, 52; Mr Roger Black, athlete, 24; Mr Richard Chamberlain, actor, 55; Sir Robchambertain, actor, 55; Sir Rob-ert Cockbura; former director, RAE Faraborough, 81; Mr John Fowles, writer, 64; Viscount Furuess, 61; Mr John Kemp-Welch, joint senior partner, Ween, Joint semor partner, Cazenove and Company, 54; Sir-Pat Lowry, former chairman, Acas, 70; Mr Derek Pattinson, secretary-general, General Synod of the Church of England, 60.

The Very Rev Dr G.T.H. Reid, former Chaptain to the Queen in Scotland, 80; the Right Rev. John Roberts, Abbot of Downside, 71; Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock, gastroenterologist, 72; Sir David Steel, MP, 52; Lord Trefgarne, 49; Professor Sir Frederick Warner, chemical engineer, 80; Mr Sidney Weighell, trades unionist, 68; the Earl of Westmorland, 66.

TOMORROW: Miss Brigine Askonas, immunologist, 67; Professor A.M. Barrett, vice-Professor A.M. Barrett, vice-chancellor, Buckingham University, 58; Mr David J. Davies, chairman, Johnson Matthey, 50; the Rev Norman Drummond, headmaster, Loretto School, 38; Mr A.K. Gill, chairman and chief enecutive, Lucas Industries, 60; Mr David Gower, cricketer, 33; Sir Paul Hasluck, former Governor-General of Australia, 85; Sir Nicholas Henderson, diplomat, 71. lomat. 7L.

Miss Gaie Johnson
Houghton, jockey, 49; Baroness
McFarlane of Llandaff, 64;
Professor M.L. McGlashan,
chemist, 66; Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny, 64; Professor
Sir Dimitri Obolensky, Russian
and Balkan historian, 72: Mrs sir Dimitri Obolensky, Russian and Balkan historian, 72; Mrs Marie Patterson, trades mionist, 56; Mr Charles H. Price, II, diplomat, 59; Professor W.C. Price, physicist, 81; Mr Steve Race, musician and broadcaster, 69; Professor Sir Peter Tizard, paediatrician, 74.

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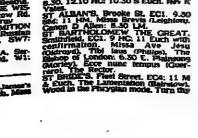
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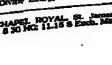
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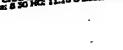
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Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will attend the Children's Variety Performance at the Dominion Theatre at

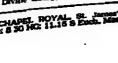


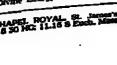




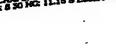






























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BURIAL OF LORD LLOYD-GEORGE

Llanystundwy, March 30: Lord Lloyd-George was buried today at a spot chosen by himself. The grave, lined with evergreens by his work-men on the farm here, is on the bank of the River Dwyfor, near the old road bridge and his house. Ty Newydd.

Newydd.

As a boy he played around the mountains of the Dwyfor. He attended the village school close to the stream, practiced as a solicitor in the trim sesside resort of Portmadoc, and eventually made this patch of Welsh-speaking Wales his jumping off ground for that political career which carried his name around the world.

Small wonder then that this man, spoken of in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister as the greatest an since Tudor times, should in his closing days think so much of the little river he knew so well and loved so pessionately as to choose it for his title, and select the place for his grave within sounds of the ing of its waters.

It is a picturesque mountain stream and in its frothy hurry to lose stream and in its frothy hurry to lose itself in the waters of Cardigan Bay it affords a striking contrast to many English rivers "which, meandering through high meadows, seem to have no impectuous wish to reach the and of their journey." The tiny glade into whose earth the body was lowered today is to beconverted into a garden of reason because and the tourh which of remembrance, and the tomb which will mark the statesmen's grave will doubtless become a abring to which his one countrymen and the repre-sentatives of many ress will pay houses for who shall say how long?

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beyond made up a striking crosssection of society — representatives of leading local families, farmers and their land workers, tradesmen from the surounding small towns and others, including many who fought for or against Lloyd-George in his political battles and who in this final scene thought only of him as the great Welahman he was, of the winning smile and indomitable will, at once the realist and the romanti-

The scene on the river bank was impressive and unforgattable. People began to gather long before the burial hour, and the number increased steedily until the countryside nearby was covered by a great gathering. The grassy banks of the lane leading from the house to the spinney, where the opened grave lay, were packed. So was the spinney itself, except for a small portion roped off for the mourners, and there were thousands on the meadows on the other side of

Shortly before 2.30 there was the first outburst of sacred song, indicating to the waiting thousands that their long vigil was nearly over. A choir of men and women, each wearing a daffodil began to sing a Welsh hymn. Residents of Criccieth showed once again, under the leader-ship of Mr Matthew Williams, of ship of Mr Matthew Williams, of Anglescy, what well-trained voices can do in this direction. The opening bars of a well-loved Welsh hymn brought a hush over the vast assembly, and the powerful, melodi-nare codences amont over the unileu. assembly, and the powerful, melodi-ous cadences swept over the valley. Another of the hymns sung was to the tune of Tyddyn Liwyn (cottiage in the spinney), written and com-posed by one of Lloyd-George's friends of his early years. There was also a hymn written by Lloyd-George's first clerk, who later became the Rev Dr. Moelwyn Hughes, who died recently.

died recently. Most of the service was in Weish, but the closing hymn, "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah," was in English. The service was marked by simplicity and sincerity, and when the mourners returned to Ty Newydd the people dispersed feeling they had peid tribute to the life and work of a great Welshman.

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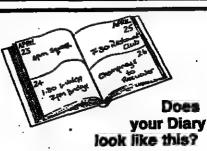
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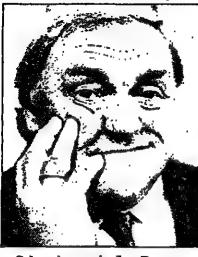
Dawson takes the Knocks

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● In the corny jokes business, Les Dawson's are better than Bob Monkhouse's and delivered with incomparably more style. While the Monkhouse "wife" gags belong to the Benny Hill school of male chauvinism and hark back to the 1950s, Dawson turns the genre on its head with such offerings as: "My wife's run off with the man next door" - face creases into a sob - "Oh, I do miss him!". It would be too much to expect that when Dawson takes over from Monkhouse as the host of Opportunity Knocks (BBC1, 7.10pm) be can work the same subversive magic that



Subversive magic: Les Dawson works miracles (BBC1, 7.10pm)

has turned a tatty game show, Blankety Blank, into compulsive viewing. He must temper his act or he will leave his young hopefuls hopelessly upstaged. And he will be mindful that it was Opportunity Knocks, back in the 1960s, which gave him his break. But I cannot believe that the real Dawson will not seep through and if he turned up as the host of The Money Programme I would still make a point of switching on.

 After some disappointing offerings in its peak Saturday evening slot, notably Phil Redmond's Waterfront Beat, BBC1 plays safe with Perry Mason Returns (7.55pm), the first in a series of featurelength stories. Of course it is formula stuff and of course Mason always wins. It also has the virtues of satisfyingly crafted and immediately comprehensible narratives, the built-in drama of the courtroom battle and an absence of car chases and thuggish violence.

● Another splendid Powell-Pressburger double bill starts with The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp (BBC2, 9.30pm), which Winston Churchill tried to ban as being unpatriotic. It is more complex than that, a searching examination of the military mind over three generations which, daringly for its time (1943). presented a sympathetic German. The thriller Contraband (BBC2 12.05am) has more conventional material but no less inventive treatment. • The Irish drama Hard Shoulder (Channel 4, 10.00pm) starts as a whimsical comedy about a small-time salesman trying to dispose of a batch of stolen fire extinguishers before developing into something darker. The pace is leisurely; pleasing performances maintain the interest. The Irish Tourist Board will not thank the production for making the countryside look so dreary.

6.40 Open University: Maths —
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setting for another mystery. An empty cardboard box is sent to Holmes's and Watson's offices in Baker Street. Meanwhile, Holmes's character begins to be transformed. The special guest is Bernard Bresslaw 6.35

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9.00 Going Live! with Phillip Schofield
and Sarah Greene. This week's edition affords the chance to look behind the scenes of a rock press conference with top promoter
Harvey Goldsmith; and astronomer
Heather Couper has the latest
news on Austin, the sky's newest
comet, Other guests include
comic actress Su Pollard and the Fat

and Frantic band 12.12 Westher Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line up is (subject to alteration): 12-20 Football: a preview of this roomic a preview of this afternoon's programme; 12.25 Boxing: the British cruiserweight title fight between Johnny Nelson and Lou Gent from London's York Hall: Lou Gent from London's York Hall;
12.40 Hockey: highlights of
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Oldham and Warrington at Central
Park, Wigan; 3.30 and 4.00
Rowing: the 138th Oxford and
Cambridge University boat race
which begins at approx 4.00; and a
recording of last weekend's
women's race; 4.35 Final Score
1.5 Regional News and Sport
5.15 Regional News and Sport
5.20 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson
presents cartoons charting the
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6.35 Jim'il Fix it. Among those for
whom Jimmy Savile makes dreams
come true are 81-year-old
grandfather Fred Baber who returns
to his old school to see how times
have changed; twins who become
assistants to Paul Daniels; and a
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7.10 Opportunity Knocks (see Choice)
1.00 Fam: Perry Mason Returns (1985).
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9.50 Fallow Your Note: What a Relief.
Highlights of sketches and bloopers
from Corric Relief's first years
and a review of last week's Follow Your Nose. Stars appearing include the Young Ones, Rowan Atkinson, Emma Thompson, French and Saunders, Penekope Keith, Cliff Richard and Ben Elton. (Ceefax) 10.30 Paramount City. A brand-new

series presented by Arthur Smith featuring some of the best alternative comedians. The term alternative" disguises wide es of talent but this opener hits a high standard with Helen Lederer, Denis Leary and Angela

Clarks 11.10 Film: The Formula (1980) starring Film: The Formula (1980) starring Marlon Brando and George C. Scott. A convoluted thriller about a Los Angeles cop Investigating a secret formula for making petrol from coal developed by the Nazis. A grisly trail of bodies leads him to the mysterious project in West Germany. With Marthe Keller and John Glaburt Diverged by John G. Auldese Gielgud, Directed by John G. Avildsen

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special guest is Jason Donovan, who introduces his new video, Hung on to Your Love, Also featured is music from Sonia and the new group Shooting Party and the first of Andrea's films from Baje in

11.30 The ITV Cherl Show
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4.05 Katts and Dog. Lighthearted police series starring Rin Tin Tin III

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California lifeguard drama series
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6.40 Davio. Bobby Davio with more skerches, songs and impersonations
7-10 You Bett. Among the unusual
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Sport and weather 10.25 LWT

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11.18 Sameny Davis Jr's 60th
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only Hollywood can muster as atars
pay tribute to the singer and
actor's 60 years in show business.
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Celebrating: Sammy Davis Jr's 60th anniversary (ITV, 11.15pm) 12.55am Meccs UK Pool embips. Followed by Name headlines

Film: Dr Franken (1980) starring Robert Yaughn and Teri Garr in this Robert Yaughn and Teri Garr in the modern remake of the Frankenstein story. Soppy but at least the cast play it straight. Directed by Marvin J. Chomsky. Followed by News headlines 3.40 Throb. Comedy series series set in a record company 4.10 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan introduce unother selection of dance music and competitions from

dance music and competitions from the country's top disco clubs ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00 BLOO ITN Mo

6.50 Open University 2.45 Network East: In Concert — Ravi Shankar. The sitar legend in a performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his first public recital. Shankar began his successful career as a child dancer and, by the 1960s, was internationally respected, leading to collaborations

with George Harrison and Yehudi Menuhin, Introduced by Saeed

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3.25 Film: Vivacious Lady (1938, b/w)
starring Ginger Rogers and James
Stewart. Average romantic
comedy about a professor who
impulsively marries an extrovert
New York showgirl and then has to
break the news to his family and
fiancée. Directed by George Stevens
4.50 Film: Back Street (1941 b/w).
Romantic weepie starring Margaret
Suffavan and Charles Boyer as a
couple in love. But they cannot be
together as Boyer is already
married. Directed by Robert
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Stavenson 6.20 Rhythms of the World: Gilberto Minimum or ure words Calberia
Gil in Concert. In this performance in
front of an ecstatic crowd, the
Brazillan musician pays tribute to his
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strongest influences, Bob Marley and Bob Dylan

7.15 NewsYiew with Moira Stuart and Lynette Lithgow. Weather

1.00 In Mothing Secret? Programmo examining the conflict between minority rights and free speech, looking at the issue from the perspective of Salman Rushdle, both before and after publication of his contentious Samble Verses Includes an interview with Rushdle, before he was forced into hiding, in which he discusses racism, religion and writing. There is also an opportunity to hear his Herbert Rend Memorial Lacture, delivered on his behalf by playwright Harold Pinter (f)

2.10 Hobbie Coltrane. A profile of the

8.10 Plobbie Coltrane. A profile of the multi-talented comedian, Robbie Coltrane. Includes a preview of his one-man performance in Dario Fo's Mistero Buffo and highlights from his successful career.

8.30 Michael Powell Double Bill. A tribute to the celebrated film director beginning with The Life and Death of Colonel Bilmp (1943). Controversial, yet perceptive Second World War film starting Roger Livesey as a typical. Roger Livesey as a typical Englishman who loses sweetheart Deborah Kerr to a sympathetically

peporan Kerr to a sympathetically portrayed — a rarity for wartime — German army officer (see Choice)

12.05 am Film: Communated (1940, b/w).
London-set spy thriller in Alfred Hitchcock vein starring Conrad Veidt and Valerie Hobson (see Choice) Ends at 1.40

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7.20 International Times —
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9.20 Same Difference (r)
10.00 Round the Island. A 1950s British
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10.30 Film: The Love Match (1954, b/w)
Arthur Askey and Glenn Melvyn star
in this fively farce as two
railwaymen attempting to repay some
money they "borrowed" from a
holiday fund. Directed by David

holiday fund. Directed by David Patterghi

12.05 The Royal College of Music.
Centenary celebrations of the Royal College of Music from 1983-4 (r)

1.00 A Painter's Paradise. Charleston, near Lewes, Sussex, home of Bloomsbury artists Clive and Vanessa Bell, is due to reopen tomorrow for the summer. This programme looks at the painstaking restoration of the farminouse through the eyes of those involved (r)

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5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletaxi)
6.00 Right To Reply
6.30 Nothing To Feer: One Sure Thing. The second of three programmes in which paople who are facing death discuss tree thoughts and beliefs with poet Damian Gorman
7.00 The World This Week Includes a report on Argentina's economic crisis. Followed by Wester

1.00 Adventures: Trilogy for a Man Alone. A look at the prodigious test of Frenchman Christophe Profit who, in June 1986, climbed the three most transferous Alpina faces—the Eiger, Les Grandes Jonesses and the Metterhorn (r)
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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel

• All films will be scrambled

2.00pm Money Mania (1987): Variation
on it's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World wind
man's dying words provoking a
nationwhole hunt for his fortune

4.00 Scooby Doo Meets the Boo
Brothers: Scooby and the team join force
with some professional "ghostbusters"

6.00 Radio Days (1987): Woody Allen's
affectionate look back to the radio days of
the 1940s. Stars Mia Farrow and Diarne
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7.40 Enteroulement Tooloid
8.00 The Chal Armed Academy
Awards — Abridged Version: Highlights of
Monday's Oscar ceremony
8.40 UK Too Ton
10.00 Frantic (1988); Missing persons
film not starring Harrison Ford
12.00 Astorn School Gats (1986);
Spoof of the women-in-prison genre
1.30 Robocop (1987); Smarter than
average sci-fi thriller which takes some
satirical swipes at US big business
4.00 Nosferatu (1979); Klaus Kinski as
the vampire in Werner Herzog's the vampire in Werner Herzog's atmospheric, over-the-top version of the Dracula legend

EUROSPORT

6.00mm Barrier Reef 6.30 The Flying KM 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 BMX 9.30 Australian Rules Football 10.30 Goals Australian Rules Football 10-30 Goals
11.00 World Championship Boxing
1.00pm US Seniors Skins Golf 3.00
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Sport 5.00 Wheels 6.00 Surfer
Magazine 6.30 Trans 7.00 Boxing: Saturday
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Volvo Showjumping Tournament 10.30 US
Seniors Skins Golf 12.30cm Rowing:
The Boat Race: Oxford and Cambridge

8.30am Non Stop Pure Pop 9.30 US Top 20 Countdown 11-90 Yol 11-30 Week in Rock 12-00 Ray Cokes 12-30pm Cub MTV 1-00 Ray Cokes 4-30 XPO 8-00 The Big Picture 5-30 Party Zone 7-30 Mighene Backer 10-00 Sahuday Night Livel 10-30 Club MTV 11-00 Erotica 11-30 Maken Waxo 2-00am Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

1.00cm Wide World of Sport Special
2.30 Rugby League 4.00 US PGA Golf
6.00 Ice Hockey 6.00 Motor Racing
9.00 Spain Spein Sport 9.15 Pro Bowlers
10.30 Wide World of Sport Special
12.00 Argentina Football 1.00pm Rugby
League 2.30 American Basketball 4.00
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12.00pm Jason of Star Command 12.30 The Secret of Isis 1.00 Smothers Brothers 1.30 McKeever & The Colonel
2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 Wrestling
4.00 The Edge of Night Full Information on samilite TV

programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

4.00 Age to Age: with Berry Curliffe including a report on the changing role of presidential wives in the

presidential wives in the USA.

4.30 Science Now: with Pater Evans presenting new discoveries from the world's leading laboratories.

5.00 Turbulent Priests: the Ray Dr Edward Norman talks to four controversial clorics about the principles and beliefs which motivate them. 3: Fr Daniel Berrigan (r).

5.25 Week Ending: satirical review of the week's news, with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Royce Mills 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News: Sports round-up 6.25 Citizens: omnibus edition, by Milke Harris 7.10 Stop the Week: (last in the series), with Robert Robinson and guests Sarah Harrison, Matthew Parris, Dr Michael O'Donnell and Nicholas Tucker.

7.45 Saturday Nicher Teather A

Dr Michael O'Dornell and Nicholas Tucker
7.45 Sahurday Night Theatre: A Pocketful of Dreams, by Shuart Kerr. Strudwick dreams of avenging Hurricane Higgins's defeat in the World Shooker Championships. With Stephen Tompkinson as Strudwick, Paut Angelis as "Methodical" John Jackson, Julia Ford as Sharon and Brian Glover as Sid (s)

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The art of not being arty

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

■ We cannot accuse Radio 2 of adopting a catchpenny attitude towards The Arts Programme, which makes its debut tonight (10.05pm). A starker title would be hard to find, Its virtue is that it tells us precisely what is on offer, and that's a plus. The magazine's other pluses are no less obvious, and they include its presenter, Sheridan Morley, who will be in charge of the weekend editions - Saturdays and Sundays. Arts-wise, Morley hasn't got a stuffy thought in his head, something Radio 2 must have had at the front of its mind when it decided to push the arts ark out into seas uncharted except for Brian Matthews's showbusiness interviews in Round Midnight, of happy memory. All the arts, and I believe all the regions - it will be Glasgow night next Friday - will be represented in this thriceweekly programme. The star attraction tonight, in terms of Hercules to make him "at one what the trade calls marquee with the democratic light "



Jeffrey Archer: discussing TV thrillers (R2, 10.05pm)

names, is Jeffrey Archer, discussing TV thrillers. Clearly, there are going to be many mansions in Radio 2's survey of the state of the

Though updated to the Brownie points era, with talk of tanks on Zeus's lawn, Gerard Murphy's Prometheus in Tom Paulin's Seize the Fire (Radio 3, 9.30pm) is recognizably Aeschylus's chained rebel, the fire-stealer still waiting, in 1990, for a rescuing

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RADIO 1

FM Steree and MM News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 12.30pm, then a 2.00, 3.20, 5.20, 7.20, 9.20 5.00am Gary King 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Stow 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adman Juste 2.00 The Compleat Collins: Mike Read talks to Proi Collins 3.00 The

Saturday Sequence: with Richard Skinner 7.00 Andy Peoles Sout Train \$-30 in Concert: featuring The Mission recorded at the Manchester Apollo 10.30 Victor Lewis-Smith 11.00-2.00am The Saturday Rock Show: with Alan Freeman

RADIO 2

FM Stereo (except 1,00pm-7,00) and NM News on the hour 4,00pm Dave Bussey 6,00 Graham Knight 8,05 Sounds of the 1950s 9,00 Sounds of the 1950a 9.00 Sounds of the 1950s 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30 The News Huddlines 2.00 Robin Ray 3.00 Martin Kelnar 4.48 Phil Kelsal 5.00 Cineme 2 5.30 The ABC Cutz 4.00 Echoes of the Duke 7.00 String Sound 7.39 Hollywood Cavalicada 8.30 Thanks for the Memory 10.05 The Arts Programme (see Choice) 12.05am Salute to Del Shannon 1.00-4.00 Nightride MW as above except: 1.30-

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Ray Marsden: the actor best known as TV's Detectiv Dalgliesh is a Loose Ends guest today (R4, 16.00mm)

RADIO 3

6.65em Weather and News Headlines
7.50 Morning Concert: Ressini (Overture: The Journey to Reims: National PO under Challry; Abdriz: (Malture, Op 202: Julian Bream); Vivaldi (Concerto in E. Op 8 No.1 Sortine Franz Liest No 1, Spring, Franz Liszt CO under Rolls)

7.30 Neve 7.35 Saint-Säens (Le Rouet d'Omphale: French NO under Ozawaj; Scott Joplin (The Entertainer: Itzhak Perlman, violin, André Pravin, piano); Bridge (Summer RUPO under Charles Groves); Telemann (Summer RLPO under Charles Groves): Telemann (Concerto In D: ECO under Charles Mackerras, with Maurice André, frumpet); Franck (Symptrosic Variations: Aleuth Weissenberg, piano: Berlin PO under (Grajari) 5.30 SEC Scottles SC: Jerzy Malasymiuk conducts Mozarr's Overture, Il seragio, Saint-Saéns's Piano Concerto No 2 and Stravinsky: Jeu de Cartes.

Plano Concerto No 2 and Stravinsky's Jeu de Cartes, With Howard Shelley, plano 9.39 Saturday Review: introduced by Edward Greenfield, Hecond Review, Building a Library: Rachmaninov's Second Piano Sonata (Bryce Morrison); English baroque (George Prant): Record Release, Purcell (Sonata of Four Parts No 4 in Grainor: Four Parts No 4 in G rainor: Purcell Cluered; Dulay, sor Kelly (Je requier à tous amoureux; Je veuil chanter de cuer joyamo: Frances Kelly, herp); Stanley (Concerto, Op 2 No 2: Parley of Instruments Parley of instruments under isocoman); Handel (Fireworks Music; King's Consorts: Ame (Concorts in C. Paul Nicholson, harpsichord); Handel (Zadok the Priest: Choir of New College, Oxford; King's Consort under Robert King); Mozert (Consort in G. K. Consort under Hobert King; Mozart (Concerto in C. K. 246: Jean-Philippe Collent, piano; Muir String Quartet); Faure (Una chalcelatre en sa tour: Frances Kelly, harp); Nicotel (Symathory Mr 2 in D: Bamberg SO under Rickenbacher)

1.00 News 1.06 Words: reflections by theologian Don Cupitt. Part 3. The Word of God 3. The word or soul

1.10 St James's Baroque
Players leader Micaela
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achdn); J.S. Bach (Weichet
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2.30 A Consummate Conductor: Herbert von Karajan (1908-A Consummate Conductor:
Herbert von Karajan (190889). Seven programmes
presented by Huchard
Osborne, Part 1: The Early
Years. Mozart (Overture,
Die Zauberhöre:
Sastakapala Bartin);
Smetana (Vitava: Berlin PO);
Brehme (Fin Deutsches
Requiem, excerpts: Vienna
Singverein, Vienna PO. With
Elisabeth Schwarzhopf,
soprano, Hans Hotber,
barlkoner, Betten (Verteilons
on a Theme by Frank
Bridge); Beschoven
(Symphony No 6:
Philitammonia)
4.30 Jazz Record Requests: with
Penar Caynon
8.10 Critics' Forum: in the chair,
Gilliam Reynolds talks to
William Feaver, Benedict
Nightingale and Mark Steyn
about Ann Turner's Earl
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Trackers (National Theatre);
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adhibition at the National
Gallery; Stalin (TTV); and The
Storytaller, a novel by Mario
Vargas Llosa
The Queen of Spades: the
from La Salie Pleyel in
Paris, Tchalkovsky's opera,
with fibretto by Modest, his
brother. From a Pushkin
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Arkhipova as the Countess,
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Dmitri Hvorostovsky as Prince Yeletsky, Grigory Gritzuk as Count Tomsky and Ninu Homanova as Paulin.

9.30 Studio 3: Seize the Fire, By Tom Paulin. With Gerard Murphy as Prometheus, Liam O'Calenjam as Oceanos, Des Cave es Hermes, Louis Rolston as Hermes, Louis Rolston as Hermes, Laior Roddy as Violence, Mark Multiolland as Power (see Choice)

10.06 Impromptur. Neily Bon Or plays Plano Impromptus by Schubert (D 659) and Chopin (Op 29, Op 36, Op 17) and the Famusyand Ninu Romanova us

Chopin (Op 29, Op 36, Op 17) and the PantasyImpromotil, Op 65)

11.80 Vienna Sextet: with Teresa
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monde, Op 61b);
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Nacht, Op 4)

11.00 News 12.00 pm Come

RADIO 4

4.86 am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 The Farming Week: includes a report from the Philippines where some landlords have been bombing their tenant farmers to get rid of them, and on uselse fires in Zimbabwe and potatoes in Pero

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Prayer for the Day: with James Whitbourn 6.35

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7.00 Today, with Sue MacGregor and Peter Hobday, incl.
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News

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9.00 Breekaway: holiday and travel news with Bernard Fak reporting on Sed and Breekawa; in New York and the joys of Amsterdam

News; Loose Ends. New York and Sherrin and guests including solicitor Sir David Napley, Roy Marsden and Beth Lapidus, a Los Angeles and up comisc (a) 11.00 News: The Week in

11.00 News: The Week in Westminster: with Andrew Rawnsley of The Guardian 11.30 Europhile: weekly magazine reflecting political title in Europe. Today, Be in Romanian villages 12.00 Money Bott with Louise Botting and Vincent Ducylety considering textering and health insurance for the own 60s

for the over 60s 12.25pm Just a Minumi The non-

stop talking quiz with Clement Fraud, Jimmy Mulville, Derek Nimmo and Tim Rics (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan

1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Mersham, Surrey, with panellists Patricla Hewitt, Nigel Lawson, MP, John O'Sulhun and Dr David Owen, MP (f)
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sled the strength of and revealed the strength of the mind within his deformed body, starring Gertard Murphy as John Memick, Jeranny Clyde as Frederick Towes and Awar Alex George (A) Massey as Mrs Kendall (s)

Brian Glover as Sid (s)

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9.50 Ten to Ten: led by Cannon
John Oates 9.59 Weather

10.00 News

10.15 Open Mind: Hugo Young
prompts a discussion on
whether God exists

10.45 Ottoman Adventure (new
series): novelist Joseph
Hone's story of his recent
travels in Turkey. 1:
Istanbut: At the Pera Pales
Notes: with Peter Kemp and
John Georgiadis (s) (r)

11.30 And Now, in Colour: (new
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Peter Waymark

• A five-part survey of the British television commercial, Washes Whiter (BBC2, 8.05pm) is the best treatment so far, eschewing the temptation to make fun in favour of serious (but unstuffy) and pertinent analysis. The format mixes a rich selection of clips with comments from the advertising industry. Tonight's opener shows how ads for washing, cooking and cleaning have constructed images of the housewife, from the passive homemaker of the 1950s to the supermum of the 1980s. In the early years commercials patronized women and played on their guilt. Later came the



Mary Holland: Katle, traditional Oxo housewife (BBC2, 8.05pm)

independent career woman, though in the ads she will cooked the mosts and did the cleaning. In the 1990s, it is suggested, something will have to give. Be sure that
J. Walter Thompson will be ready.

Pick of the rest: Kremlin Farewell (BBC2, 10.10pm), a potent drama about Stalin's Soviet Union ... The South Bank Show (ITV, 10.35pm) on composer Carl Davis and the Temba Dance Company ... and the repeated first series of The Black Adder (BBC1, 8.05pm). · ·

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

• The exclamation mark in Hallelujah! The Cherus (Radio 4, FM, 5.00pm) is important. This Options documentary the first of two - is more a hymn of praise to the London Philharmonic (hoir than a feature about Handel's Messiah. In truth, we hear surprisingly little of, or about, the Hallelujah Chorus today. Next Sunday's instalment contains somewhat more of it, with Solti putting the choristers through their paces. Two bits of good news for intending recruits is that the London Philharmonic is not necessarily looking for trained shapers, and that Richard Cooke, the chorus master, sets limited store by a preliminary sight-reading test. Recruits must, however, blend in with the rest of the choir, he says — a condition which I imagine only demented unitateralists, or professional voloists, will find unacceptable.

RADIO 1

FM Stareo — all day in London, the Midlands, the North, South Wales, Avon and Somerset, Oxfordshire, central Scotland and Belfast and nationally between 5.00pm and 17.00pm and 18.10pm and 18.10pm and 18.230pm until 12.30pm, then at 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 5.00pm Gary King 7.00 The Bruno and Life Breakdast Show 10.00 Days Lee Trovis

10.00 Dave Lee Trevis

6.45 Open University 8.55 Playdays (r) 9.15 Lent Worship from Sussex University Chapel. Colin Morris talks about the nature of the power of God 16.00 Bazzar reports from the Ideal Home Ethiblition (r) 10.25 The Software Show. Word processing and desk-top publishing at home (r) 10.50 Moselc. Equal opportunities in multicultural Eritain (r) 11.20 You in Mind. Mental health series (r) 11.30 Electric Avenue presented by Frad Harris (r) 11.55 You Are What You Eat. Liza Gozzard investigates the effects of chemical additives in our food (r). (Caefax)

BBC1

(Ceefex)
12.05 Sign Extra. The first of two

12.05 Sign Extra. The first of two reports on how the money raised during last year's Comic Relief Red Nose day was spent. With subtitles and sign language

12.30 Country File. John Craven goas to Sturminger Newton in the heart of Hardy country, where the livestock market that has been operating since the 13th century is under threat from an offshore company that has bought the freehold of the site. Plas Anne Brown hears the thoughts of two Somerast farmers on the Milk Marketing Board 12.55 Weather

1.05 Name with Molra Sturri, followed by On the Recent Peter Tax comes into effect Environment Secretary Chris Patten is asked by Jonathan Dimbleby whether he is contemplating any massures to soften the blow 2.00 EastEnders (r). (Cesfax)

2.56 File Lawrence of Arabia (1962) starring Peter O'Toole. David Lean's sumptuous and painstaking blopt of the enigmatic adventurer T. E. Lawrence, shown in the restored version released in channel ast year. (Ceefax)

1.15 Not a Penny More, Not a Penny

7.16 Not a Penny More, Not a Penny

of St George's, Lower Brailes, in the Convolution of Jeffrey Archer's.

7.18 Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less. Episode two of the four-part adaptation of Jeffrey Archer's. best-selling novel. (Ceefax)

8.08 The Black Adder. The first in a repeat of the cult comedy series starring Rowan Atkinson as the "worm in the apple of England" and Tony Robinson as his hapless serf, Baldrick. Tonight's cast includes Brian Blessed, Peter Cook, Elspet Gray and Tim McInnerny

1.00 Matternind. This week's specialist subjects are: 20th-century European drama; Queen Victoria; the London and South Western Reilway 1838-1923; and English furniture 1660-1830. Introduced from Aston University by Magnus

Magnusson
9.10 That's Life! Consumer affairs
series presented by Esther Rentzen
9.80 News with Michael Buark.

10.10 Heart of the Manner: Twelve Good Men and True. In the wake of the Guildford Four, questions have arisen about the fallibility of British inser about the tailibility of crean justice. Tonight's programme focuses on the one aspect of the judicial process in which we may all play a role — the jury. But, in a multi-cultural Britain, is the traditional method of jury selection sufficiently just? Joan Bakewell examines the controversial issue of multiracial juries.

multiracial juries 10.46 Deer John: USA: American comady spin-off from the successful British earlies about the singles scene. Starring Judd Hirsch 11-10 Success Libe Me. The Allens Offered By Son a Job. The third in a series of films relating to work in British

RADIO 2

Fill Stereo (except 1.00pm-7.00) and any News on the hour 4.00em David Allan 6.100 Graham Knight 7.30 Good Morning Sunday 9.06 Metodies For You

11.00 Your Fladio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00 Benny Green 3.00 Sounds Easy 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.20 Charlle Chester

7.00 Sunday Serenade 7.30 Operetta Nights 8.30 Sunday Haif-Hour 9.00 Your Financed Bent Tunes 10.05 The Arts Programme 12.05 Sounds of the 1950s 1.00ams 4.00 Nightride

6.00 TV-sm 8.00 David Frost on Sunday. The guests include Teddy Kennedy and Norman Tebbit. Reviewing the newspapers are Tim Rice and Chantal Cuer. With news and westber at 8.00 and 8.00 9.25 Film: Born To Run (1977). Part one of a Walt Disney story of a young boy and his grandfather trying to turn a yearling colt into a racing machine. Directed by Don Chaffey 10.16 The Campbells, Canadian adventures of a pioneering Scottish family. 10.46 Link, Bert Massie, who next week takes over as the first disabled director of RADAR, talks to Slan Vasey.

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11.09 Morning Woming from All Seints
Parish Church at Necton, near
Swaffnen in Norfolk

12.00 Encounter: Shadows of Casts.
The story of three Indian
"Untouchables" living in Britain
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12.30 My Little Formy 12.40 Police 5
12.55 LWT Never and weather
1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather
1.10 Eyewitness includes a report on
the M25 gang, jailed this week for a
series of violent orimes; an item
on transplant operations; and news
on the mood of the Ulcraine
2.00 McCloud: Little Plot at Transail
Valley, Adventures of a law-officer

Valley. Adventures of a law officer based in New York
3.20 The Match. Top of the league Aston Villa ment relegation threatened Manchester City at Villa Bark

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5.30 Ballarys. Derthoard quiz game

5.00 Rescue: Sting in the Tale. Things
go drestically wrong for a
Lossiemouth felicopter crew on a
weakend exercise with a local
mountain rescue team

5.30 Management Michales Chaste.

8.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Westher 8.35 LWT News and

weather Sal Lart Name and weather C.40 Appeal on behalf of the National Ostoporosis Society by Linda Evans. (Teletext)

4.4 Inspector Research Starry Scombe vigita Leeds

7.16 A Kind of Lint. Officest connectic comedy cories starring Richard Griffiths. (Teletext)

7.45 Inspector More: Deceived by Flight. Superior detective series for which John Thaw justifiably won a Baffa award as the eponymous combral cleuth, in this episode investigating a mystarlous suicide (f). (Teletext)

8.45 Nears with Nicholas Owen.

Weather 10.00 LWT Waster

10.05 Not talk a Bang. Episode two of the seven-part comedy starring Ronald Pickup as one of four people in the Lake District who believe they are the only people left on Earth

10.25 The South Bank Show. With composer Carl Davis giving an insight into the way he produces a score for a silent movie; and a performance by the leading black theatre company. Temba

11.35 Saar. Superb spoof percoving all that is most laughable about soaps (f)

12.03 Withhead Roand the World Race, A brief update on progress.

12.15 One to One. Singer Patif Labelle talks about her life and career

12.45 The ITV Chart Show (f). Followed by News headlines

1.45 Part: In the Bally of the Whate (1984) starring Peter Sattmann and Jarma Marrangosoff. Strong

German.drama about a divorced couple who are brought back together when their daughter runs away from home. But an couple who are brought back together when their daughter runs away from home. But an away igon nome. But an argument over who was responsible for her number off ends with the faffer accidentally shooting his exwite — or was it deliberate?

4.00 Nascar, Stock car racing 8.00 (TN Morning News, Ends at 6.00

12.30pm Pick of the Pops 3.60 Pop of the Form 3.30 Philip Schofield 3.60 Top 40 7.00 The Anna Nightingsie Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00 m Bob Harris RADIO 3

s 55 Weather and News 7,00 Handel: a series featuring the Concert grossi, Op 5, Overture, Teseo: English Concert under Phrock; Oboe Sonetz in 8 flat (HWV 57): St Jermin's Baroque Fisyers under Ivor Bolton, with Paul Goodwin, obos; Donosto grosso M B fiet, Op 6 No 7: Vienne Concertus Musicus under National Humonoust Wolsus Hamoncourt

7.30 News
7.35 Noiselwisson: Rechmeninov
(Prelude No.21 in B minor);
Chopin (Balade No.4 in F minor); Beetboren
(Concerto No.3 in C minor)
5.30 News
6.35 Your Concert Choice:
Conjunt (El setho Minor)

Your Concert Choice: Copland (El salón México: Male Philipermonia Lander Copland); Reizenstein (Verstione on the Lambeth Walk: Philip Martin, piano); Milhaud (Le-Boeuf sur la toit: National Orchestra. France under Rematelot: toit: National Orchastra. France under Barnatein; Schicklid-(Quodibat for Small Orchastra: CO under Jorge Meater; Boldieu (Concerto No 1 in C: Innsback Caurter Ensemble under Hersch with Claudit Artimall, harp); Datus (Al Jan Lary);

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Oliver assesses the Dune
characters.

character (r) 11.15 BBC Concert Orchestra: Jiř Stárek conducts Statesic conducts
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Emerson Quartet for C, Op 33
No 3 (Bard); Bartok's
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1.30 Rubinstein on Record:
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MW as above except 3.28-5.30pm Football special 3.00 Norrington Conducts the CBSC: leader Robert Haard with Maldwyn Davies, tenor, and Michael Thompson, horn, perform Weber

And home perform Weber (Overture, Euryanthe); Britten (Serenade, Op 31); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Op 55, Eroica)

4.30 Poet of the Month: Kit Wright, best known as a writer of humorous verse, talks to Clive Wilmer

4.50 American Music for Women's Voices: John Poole conducts the BBC Singers and Andew Ball, plano, performing Thompson's Frostlans: Janice Hamer's Daughter Awaka with the Moon (premiere); Copland's Simple Gitts; What Do We Plant?

5.20 For Jackies concert given in

Plant?

5.20 For Jackie: concert given in St James's Palace in aid of the Jacqueline du Pré Memoriat Fund Appeal. Yo Yo Ma (cello) and Kathryn Stott (plano) perform Stravmsky's Suite Italienne and Brahms's Sonata No 1

6.15 Monklands. . . The Musical: Composer lan McQueen Composer Ian McQueen follows the progress of the munic classes of St Patrick's High School,

Coathridge as they prepare to perform their own

to perform their own compositions

6.88 Toward Bach: Lully (Suita, Roland): Bach (Orchestral Suite No 2 in B minor); Georg Muffat (Suita: Lasta Poesis in G. Florilegium Secundum); Bach (Orchestral Suite No 4 in D: La Petite Bande under Sigiswald Kuijken)

8.18 Wagner and David Matthews: Bournemouth Sintonietta under leader Richard Studt and conductor Roger Norrington performs Wagner's Siegirted ldyll and Matthews 5 Camiga, Bong Cycle for Voice and Orchestra

Cycle for Voice and Ovchestra

8.55 Verses for Mourning: (new series) First of time programmes. Zelenka's Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah. Performed by the Chandos Baroque Players

8.25 Helen Krizos and Peter Noke: the planists perform Debussy, arr Ravel Noctumes and Ravel's La Velse

10.05 Third Ear 10.35 Third Ear 10.30 Dark Night: a Lenten devotion, recorded in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge 11.30 The Sacred Mysteries of Heinnich Biber: the final

WORLD SERVICE

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5.30 Morning Has Broker: with
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Ballymena, Northern ireland
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7.10 Sunday Papers
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7.15 On Your Farm: Robert
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Northumberland
7.40 Sunday, with Cive Jecobs
and Trevor Barnes, incl
7.35 Weather 8.00 News
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8.50 Appeal: by the Rev Peter
Timms on behalf of Catholic
Social Service for Prisoners
8.50 News
9.00 News

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9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America: by
Alistair Cooke (7)
9.30 Morning Service: for
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11.30 Pick of the Week: with
Margaret Howard (s) (r)
12.15 per Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley with Jack Lemmon
(s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend:
with Nick Carke 1.35
Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time:
letteners' questions
2.30 Classic Serial: The Mystery
of Edwin Drood, by Charles
Dickens (final part). (s) (r)
3.30 The Radio Programme:
Laurle Taylor hosts the
programme all about radio
4.00 News; Soundtrack Living
Memory. The story of the
many thousands of Irish
people who left their
formalized in me 1920s and
1930s and their wish to
return (r)
4.42 Profile: Jack Tinker taks to return (r) L42 Profile: Jack Tinker talks to

theatrical restaurateur Joe Allen about eating places in New York, London and 5.00 News, Down Your Way. A wisk to the Medical Entomology Centre in Cambridge with its director Dr. John Maundar

6.49 Snapshots from the Roof of the Word: Radio Pictures of Ladakh. Engineering with Paith. Tim Matyon presents a picture of the remote Ladakh region in the Himnings (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecut 5.55 Weather

6.00 News 6.15 Feedback: Chris Dunkley

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6.30 Europhile. Weekly magazine reflecting political life in Europe (r)
7.00 While the Cat's Away: stories with music for children, presented by Julia Mayer. 2: Three Aesop's Fables, Readers Willie Rushton, Derek Griffitts and Susan Sheridar. BBC Concert Orchestra conducted by Barry

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Wordsworth (s)
7.30 Booksheft: with Nigel Forde
reviewing Wilbur Smith's
latest epic and talking to
acrustmentur and now
novelist, Hanif Kurelshi of
My Beautiful Laundrette
fame (r) fame (r) 8.00 Punters: with Susan Marling

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8.40 Reading Aloud: Kilvert's
Cornish Diary compiled by
H. Colin Davis, read by H. Colan Davis, read by Christopher Scott

9.00 News; Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow tackles two religious queries from isseners;

9.15 The Natural History
Programme: can vaccination help wild animals? (r) 9.59
Weather

10.00 News 10.15 The Churchill Years: six plays by David Wheeler documenting Whaton Churchill's career, 4: Class

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11.00 in Committee: presented by
Prins Hill

11.30 Seeds of Faint: Part 5: The
Rev Dr John Pollunghome,
president of Queens' Colige
Cambridge, presents six
programmes for Lent (s)

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Symbolism 7.20 Social Science:
Grapevine Magazine 7.40 Culture
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12.06 Westminster Week 12.25
Regional Perliamentary Reviews
1.00 Open Forum Magazine 1.25 40
Minutes: Tracey's Search (r),
(Ceefax) 2.06 Horizon: The City
Test Weits To Die (r), (Ceefax)
3.00 Folk City: A Celebration. A
concert recorded in 1985 to celebrate
New York's Gerdes Folk City (r)
4.10 Animation New
4.20 The Magnum Story. The second
of three programms about the
photojournalists' co-operative (r)
5.10 Rugby Special. Saracens v Bath
6.10 It's Garry Standing's Enow
6.35 The Money Programms reports
on progress towards selling-off the
electricity Industry
7.15 Land of the Eagle. Programme six
in the eight-part series on the natural
history of North America.
(Ceefax)
5.95 Washee Writer. (Ceefax) (see
Choice)

8.05 Washes Whiter. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
8.25 Rhoping Yarne: The Testing of Eric Critiwath (r)
8.25 The Talk Show this City James
10.10 Screen Two: The Knamer
Farewell (1990) starring Freddle
Jones, Kenneth Colley and
Bernard Kay. A drama of fear and
betrayal set in Stalin's Russia,
inspired by the true story of Nikolai
Bulcharin and his son. Directed
by Tristram Powell (Ceefax)

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11.40 Film: Richt in Cell Block Eleven (1954, b/w) starring Emile Meyer, Frank Faylen, Neville Brand. Crusading low budget prison drama about a slege which the warden wants to end by negotiation but the state authorities by force. Directed by Don Slegel. Ends at 1.05am

BBC1 WALES: 10.50mm The Flying Doctors
11.35 Time For Sport 12.30mm-1.00
Farming in Wales 12.20mm-12.25 News and
weather SCOTLAND: 2.55mm Conference 90.4.16
Music in Camera 4.55 Return Journey 5.46-4.25
Sportscane 10.45 Conference 90.11.10 Testimony
12.40 Someone Lite Me 12.10mm Network East
12.50 Weather
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2.00 Siminatora II. A profile of the American composer John Adems
10.00 Film: Semi-Tough (1977) starring Burt Reynolds, Kris Kristofferson and Jill Clayburgh. Freewheeling comedy about two American footballers and their platonic relationship with the much-married daughter of their boss. Directed by Michael Ritchle
12.00 Film: Omar Gatlato (1977). A young man living with his family in Algiers cannot steel himself to spread his wings or to settle down with a wife. Directed by Merzak Allouache. Ends at 1.00 film.

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WOOLWORTHS

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

DIFFERENCES between nuclear weapons in Europe Britain and West Germany over the need for land-based short-range nuclear missiles in Europe remained unresolved yesterday after the London West German Chancellor.

Chancellor Kohl empha-sized his belief that the huge changes in Eastern Europe have made such missiles ob-solete. "I think the world has changed and within Nato we said, although he had not will have to draw the consequences," he said after talks in London with Mrs Thatcher.

The missile issue was not on the agenda of yesterday's talks. But at a subsequent press conference Herr Kohl said these weapons could only be used against cities such as Prague, Budapest and Rostock, something, he implied, was no longer thinkable. He believed "reasonable

decisions" and gave the im-pression that he considered the issue as good as settled. But Mrs Thatcher showed no sign of conceding defeat in her campaign to persuade Nato to replace the nearobsolete Lance missile with a

discussions" within Nato

would lead to "reasonable

modern weapon. A Nato summit last May decided to put off the question until 1992 but also agreed that discussions on cuts in existing short-range forces could begin once Nato and the Warsaw Pact had begun to implement a treaty on conventional forces reductions.

Implementation is not likely to start until next year but there is already considerable pressure in Bonn for talks on cuts to be brought forward. Mrs Thatcher's remarks suggested that she will insist on the Nato decision

being upheld without changes. Chancellor Kohl pointed out that the international picture was not the same as when the decision was taken. "You see how the world has changed that is why this question (of modernization) doesn't worry me any more," he said. Mrs Thatcher said they had agreed on the need to retain

but had not gone into the details of different types of

Herr Kohl accepted her argument, made in a speech visit of Herr Helmut Kohl, the on Thursday night, that Nato would need to retain nuclear weapons in West Germany. while the US, Britain and France would have to keep

sizeable forces" based there. "That's my opinion too," he mentioned these points in his own speech on Thursday.

The two leaders appeared to be fully agreed on the need to avoid any move which could result in the demilitarization or neutrality of a united Germany. They probably differ, however, on the longer-term question. Chancellor Kohl would like to work towards the eventual phasing out of nuclear weapons and foreign forces on German territory, while London sees them as semi-permanent.

Mrs Thatcher and Herr Kohl sought to dispel reports of strained Anglo-German relations, but were unable to disguise entirely their differences over the future of the

Herr Kohl said that political union was essential if countries were to retain their influence and avoid becoming dependent. "If we want to go further (towards unity) we have to have a development that allows Europe to speak as one voice, a Europe of the Twelve, he said. For me our goal is the political unification of Europe.

He is among leaders who have broadly supported progress towards some form of federation or confederation. Mrs Thatcher, who opposes

the concept of a united states of Europe, turned aside Herr Kohl's remarks by suggesting that it was mainly a semantic "I think sometimes words are used that mean different things to different people," she said.

Photograph, page 6 Russian tanks, page 7 Leading article, page 11

Thatcher and Dutch master settles taxing issue for Rothschild



"View of the Westerkerk, Amsterdam" by Jan van der Heyden, drawing young viewers at the National Gallery in London yesterday

on the death of his father last week, is one of the beneficiaries from the £93 million

estate left by Mrs Dorothy Dolly" de Rothschild who died in December, 1988. Technically the deal is completed between the executors of the estate and the Inland

Revenue. It was the request of Mrs de Rothschild that the painting should go to the

National gallery. According to in arrangements offered by the Government, the estate is allowed to start with the official valuation, (in this case £4 million) and deduct 40 per cent notional tax bill (£1.6 million). It is then allowed to add one quarter of that bill back into the sum. This is called the douceur, or incentive, given by the Government to persuade executors to choose this mode of selling rather than entering the open market. The final figure in this case is £2.8 million, which is then deducted from the total

tax bill. Painted around 1660, the Westerkerk shows the church in which Rembrandt is buried. It was commissioned by the governmained in that building until 1864, and entered the Rothschild family collection late in the 19th century.

Also announced yesterday was the acquisition by the nation of a rare view of London by Corot, dating from the French artist's sole trip to England, in 1862. Probably worth around £600,000, it was accepted by the Treasury in settlement of £351,000 tax on the estate of the late Sir Antony Hornby, a former chairman of the National Art-

Consumers' charter loses bite

By John Lewis Political Staff

A BILL to give consumers the right to guarantees on the purchase of a wide range of goods was stripped of its key

Mr Martyn Jones, Labour minute compromise after what supporters of the Bill described as a "crude fili-buster" by some Conservative MPs. Other Conservatives backed the Bill. The one remaining part of the Bill will

"unsatisfactory." Courts have months.
had difficulty in interpreting Mr Jo the phrase in the present Sale of Goods Act which requires goods to be "merchantable." provisions in the Commons.

Dropped from the Bill which now goes to the Lords MP for Clwyd South West, after completing its was compelled to accept a last- Commons's stages - are the consumer's rights to temporary replacement of prod-ucts which are masstisfactory, brought back within two days if they are cars and four days in the case of other goods, an automatic guarantee, from toughen the law to require manufacturers and replace-

retailers to replace or refund ment if the goods are out of cation", Mr Jones said: Mr articles if they are shown to be order for 21 days in the first 12 Nigel Griffiths, Labour

Mr Jones said the Government's tactics were deplorable. "This procedural device has taken away the possibility that consumers will have their shoddy goods replaced and the chance of getting our industry competitive for 1992, he said. The Government had "clearly wrecking

Making a right-wing minister such as Mr Eric Forth the Minister for Consumer Affairs was "like putting King Herod. in charge of nursery edu-

pokesman on consumer affairs, added: "The presence of the Government Chief Whip with three other government whips in private members' business is unprecedented.

He said Labour was determined to give consumers an effective guarantee as soon as possible. The measure had the overwhelming support of the public with 90 per cent voting

"We are shifted dis-appointed and very angry at what the Government has done to this Bill."

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AROUND BRITAIN

Row over charge for open-air classroom

By Kerry Gill

AS GEOLOGY students be- to hire a conference hall they gan chipping away at outcrops on Mr Charles Fforde's estate on the Isle of Arran this week, a war of words crupted be-tween the landowner and Mr Brian Wilson, Labour MP for Cunninghame North.

The difficulty emerged when Mr Pforde decided to charge £4 a head for the 2,000 students using his estate to further, practical into Medge. Mr Ffords said WE are providing a classroom here and if the universities wanted the European Social Fund.

would have to pay. The principle is the same. Arran's hoteliers say the

charge will frighten away business and Mr Wilson has alerted the Highlands and Islands Development Board. Glasgow University will send its students to Skye and

Cambridge University has de-clared it will not pay. Mr Fforde has now st gested that the money could

be provided by a body such as

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18.256

ACROSS

- 1 Those responsible for split sides but firm middles (9). 6 Scot presented to the Queen is ceremonial officer (5).
- 9 Master in charge embraces disciple of secret society (7). Manage to draw one side of field
- 11 Just the tack for a young man! 12 Mineral for an old Russian (9).
- 14 Note colloidal suspension (3). 15 All help out to make room inside for little Gene (11). 17 Corner played in church with
- veryone in alternative building! 19 Spoil the planet, emitting sulphur (3). 20 What, at sea, could give brig
- 22 Maybe a p-painter's screen (5). 24 Diamond territory in this coun-
- 26 Fabric obtainable in 'Laura's' (Chelsea) (7). 27 Nick is no companion (5). 28 Sitting in garden in street by a railway (9).
- Concise crossword, page 46

Solution to Puzzle No 18,255 CCPTED DYPASS O U S A A P NOMADURA GOUG

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- 1 Existentialist won't keep quiet in the university (5). Wind and a bit of fog Roman
 - god served up (7). Undervalue squalid habitat with one fireplace (9).
 - 4 One gives better rewards if all the results are right (11). 5 Juice dad's knocked over (3).
 - 6 Second lieutenant has no command of music (5). 7 Community of the Resurrection has willow staff for prelate (7).
 - Sort of educational course making school subject more invigorating (9).

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 - saint care (9). 16 Loamy soil Sonia prepared for
 - Most excellent drama with happy ending (7).

 Despite what one hears, this drug produces less anxiety (7). Fish - one shouldn't smoke it
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A daily safari through the language jungle, Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Phillip Howard

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Camford to review contracts

The directors of Camford Engineering have embarked on "an urgent review" of their controversial service contracts after Markheath, which is bidding £63.8 million, won an injunction in the High Court. Markheath drew attention this week to the fact that the

contracts allow the directors to walk out with substantial compensation in the event of a predator acquiring a 30 per cent stake. Markheath holds 29.96 per cent.

In the event of a successful bid the cost of meeting the salary element of a compensation package has been esti-mated at about £2.4 million.

Yesterday, Markheath successfully applied to the High Court for an injunction preventing the Camford board doing exactly that. The board has said that pending its review the directors will not exercise their contractural

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SATURDAY MARCH 31 1990 Deadlock over 'transplant' Japanese cars

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

JAPAN and the European Community have agreed to explore how far and how quickly the EC should open up its market to Japanese car exports after 1992. But Tokyo has yet to accept fully an EC plan for a transitional period during which exports would be monitored before being allowed.

EC diplomatic sources said that, Mr Frans Andriessen, the ECs External Trade Relations Commissioner, and Mr Kabun Muto,

Japan's Trade and Industry Min-ister, agreed last night to begin exploratory talks on how to achieve

a liberalized car market after 1992. Although Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry officials, who feel they hold the best cards, are unwilling to concede so early in the game that they will accept air inferim period of quotas, industry sources, believe Japan is willing voluntarily to restrain its exports, as it does to the US. But the two sides still seem deadlocked over the prickly issue

of whether cars made in Japanese

factories in the EC - so-called "transplants" - should be included m any monitoring. Mr: Andriessen thinks they should Japan - and some EC

members, like Britain, whose exports of transplants to EC neighbours would suffer - thinks they should not. Mr Andriessen, who returns to

Europe today after two days of talks with lapanese ministers, said that EC members' national restrictions on imports must disappear with the arrival of the single market. They will, anyway, become

menforceable under the General and clearly defined. To be Agreement on Tariffs and Trade meaningful it has to take into after January 1, 1993. But he added that an unspecified.

transitional period was needed to allow Europe to complete the modernization of its car industry the EC's biggest employer - to cope with Japanese competition. Japanese cars have captured more than 30 per cent of the market in EC countries with no quota restrictions, compared with an overall share of 9.2 per cent of the EC market in 1988.

"This period must be limited

account transplants in the Community," the Commissioner said.

But while Japan appears to be willing to compromise, Mr Andriessen went with no mandate to negotiate and arrives home knowing that further progress could be thwarted by in-fighting within the EC about how best to

He will brief EC ministers in Luxembourg on Monday on his talks. But the Commission has not been expecting much, apart from a long battle. Mr Andriessen know that any concessions he makes will leave him at the mercy of EC that the survival of the EC's car industry is at stake and which want quotas to be maintained for a transition period of up to 12 years.

Mme Edith Cresson, the French Minister for European affairs, has even given warning that France, Italy and Spain will defy the single market project and close their border to "excessive" Japanese imports if the agreement is not to

Pearson buys Alton Towers

By Jeremy Andrews

PEARSON, the publishing, investment banking and oil services group, has paid £60 million for Alton Towers, the Midlands theme park.
Talks between Mr John

Broome, the owner of Alton.
Towers, and Pearson have been held since late last year.
Lord Blakenham, Pearson chairman, said: "We reckon the assets are worth more than £60 million. Alton has 200 acres of land with outline planning permission surplus to the main business. We have always liked the idea of own-

past it has not been available." In the year to last November, Alton Towers had operating profits of £3 million before exceptional items on turnover of £20 million, according to unnudited accounts.

ing Alton Towers, but in the

Pearson also revealed pretax profits up 26 per cent to £251 million in the year to December — about £20 miltion higher than expected.

Several acquisitions and disposals affected the figures, but the company said the underlying growth in trading profits was 15 per cent if their impact was excluded.

The surprise results boosted the shares by 4p to 695p. They fell initially because of the £72 million ordinary share placing to help pay for the Alton purchase and news that Penters are the penters and penters are the penters are the penters are the penters are the penters and penters are the pe son wanted the power-to insue \$500 million of variable rate

Analysts, had not allowed for the 37 per cent rise to £44.7 in trading profits from Lazards, the merchant bank, nor the near doubling from £14.8 million to £27 million from its US oil services activities.
The £300,000 full to £11.5

million from entertainment was because of the impact of the warm summer and transport strikes on Madame Tussauds, and had been expected.

to £58.9 million from news-



Surprising the market with 26% profits rise: Frank Barlow, managing director (left) and Lord Blakesham in the Savoy Gardens yesterday

then expected. A 24 million believed a full merger was full in trading profits in the likely as the rise in Elsevier's accord half was partly due to share price and the full in after-ling meant it would be difficult without dilution for Pears em Echo.

publishing rese E3 million to £60.7 million; though the comparison is affected by the \$283 million acquisition of the US educational publisher, Addison-Wesley, in 1988. Because of this purchase, Pear-son's sales in North America exceeded those in Britain for the first time.

The contribution from Elsevier, the Dutch publisher where Pearson holds 22 per However, the 8 per cent rise cent, rose from £5.2 million to £26 million. However, Lord

There was an extraordinary gain of £104 million after tax, of which £52 million came from the sale of its stake in Château Latour to Allied-Lyons and £28 million from the disposal of Reuters shares. Property contributed £23.1 million, just less than in 1988.

A four-point fall in the tax charge to 30 per cent helped earnings per share rise by a fifth to 67p. The final dividend rises by 2p to 12.5p, papers and magazines was less Blakenham said he no longer making 21.5p, up 19 per cent.

New hope for power station

The sale of Alton Towers leaves Mr John Broome, the park's former owner and continuing chairman, in far better shape to further his ambitious plans for Battersea power

station. Work on the site stopped a year ago, it had been believed under pressure from Security Pacific, Mr Broome's banker, which had advanced £55 million of initial finance towards Mr Broome's £245 million dream to turn the London

landmark into a state of the art

But yesterday Mr Broome to construction. "I stopped the scheme in February last year, well before we had used up all the available funds." Mr Broome said work

stopped when it became clear

that a further £41 million

would be needed to be spent on stabilizing and underpinning the power station.

By then Mr Broome, who acquired the site for £1.5 million in 1987, says he had spent station.

that £100 million will have to said it was he who called a halt . be spent on the power station. at present little more than a shell, before work can begin on his leisure project, now

> However, work on the site is not expected to start before the summer, by when Mr Broome hopes he will have received planning permission for a substantial commercial development on 20 acres of land adjacent to the power

budgeted to cost £229 million.

Japanese shares in nosedive

From Clur Correspond Tokyo

SHARES in Tokyo ended the Japanese financial year with an unexpected dive as the Nikkei stock index lost more than 1,000 points, or more than 3 per cent of the stock market's value.

When a widely-predicted end-of-year rally failed to materialize, jittery investors again took their cue from the weakening yen and tumbling bond prices and avoided shares. Mr Takeshi Yamamoto

head of research at Barclays de Zoele Wedd in Tokyo, said: "This was the last trading day of the fiscal year, so all institutional investors' portfolios are evaluated at today's prices. That's why many brokers were expecting the market to rise."

The Nikkei closed 1,045.71 points lower at 29,980.45, dashing hopes that the stock market might be building a base above the psychological 30,000 level, Index-linked selfing and thin trading amplified the fall, and the market lost 3.37 per cent of its value.

The yea's failure to hold gains made on Thursday undermined confidence by increasing the likelihood of another rise in Japanese interest rates to underpin it. The dollar, benefiting from booksquaring by Japanese banks ahead of the end of the fiscal year on March 31, climbed one yen to close at 157.65 yen.

"The market seems to lack Mr Yamamoto. "But Monday is the first trading day of the new fiscal year. Some institutions might now be keen to

look for bargains." However, optimism is scarce. Mr Lawrence Prager, senior analyst at Nikko Securities, the Japanese stock-broker, said that the Nikkei's retreat below 30,000 would hurt sentiment. Some analysts say it could wilt to 28,000 in the next three weeks.

Market, page 20

Distilleries urging | Dutch pay £154m kinder Korean tax for Robert Horne

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

next week to try to persuade the Korean government to ease a taxation regime that has pushed the price of a bottle of Scotch there to at least £30.

Because of different tax treatment, the local spirit, soju, sells for about £1 a bottle and has a dominating 97 per cent of the spirits market in Korea, where drinkers mostly prefer beer and spirits."

Imported whiskies have only I per cent of the Korean. market, in which drinkers are the biggest consumers of spirts by Mr Bill Bewsher, director in the world after the general of the Scotch Whisky.

Koreans have already proved to have a taste for Scotch, despite the price structure.

The value of Scotch sales to Korea rose 51 per cent last year compared with the pre-VIOUS YEST. One factor behind the rise in

sales was that in mid-year the

Korean authorities dropped

quota restrictions that had

SCOTCH whisky makers en-ter three days of talks in Seoul its. The Scotch makers believe

that Korea, if the penal tax regime were modified, could be almost as big a market for Scotch as Japan, which is the third-largest national market for Scotch now that the Japanese have eased their own taxation barriers to imported

Last year, Scotch sales to Japan rose by 27 per cent in volume and value was up 72 per cent. The Seoul talks will be led

SOCIADOR. Mr Bewsher said: "There is abolsutely no reason wny whisky should be singled out

fike this for such penal and blatant discrimination." What has caused particular annoyance to the whisky makers is that imported brandy, although beavily taxed by the Koreans, does not carry as heavy a tax burden as whisky

By Melinda Wittstock

THE British paper merchant, rank as one of the largest paper Robert Horne, whose shares merchants in Europe, with a were suspended at 435p on combined market share of 8 Wednesday pending news of a per cent, Robert Horne will bid, has accepted a £154.1 retain its management, effmillion offer from Buhrmann-Tetterode, the leading Dutch paper wholesaler and office equipment supplier.

Shareholders are being offered 490p cash for ordinary shares and 452p cash for Class A shares - valuing Robert Horne at an historic exit multiple of 16 times earnings. Robert Home shares - 51.3 per cent owned by the Horne family - stood at 245p and the "A" shares at 207p on January

, just before Buhrmann-Tetterode said it had started talks about a possible takeover. Buhrmann-Tetterode, quoted in London and Amsterdam, has received acceptances in respect of 61.2 per cent of Robert Horne's voting stock and 33.5 per cent of its nonvoting shares from Kenneth

ectively continuing as an independent company, said Mr Robert van Oordt, chairman of Buhrmann-Tenerode.

Mr Kenneth Berrill, the chairman of Robert Horne, said the deal would allow his company to continue to expand in the important European market. Robert Home abureholders

are also being offered a full loan note alternative and a partial Buhrmann-Tetterode share alternative, which if fully subscribed, would mean an 8 per cent rise in Buhrmann-Tetterode's capital. Buhrmuno-Tetterode esw a

33 per cent rise in 1989 pre-tax profits to Fl 219.2 million (£70 million) on sales up 13 per cent to FI 5.1 billion.

Shares in Robert Horne,

Horne Family Holdings Ltd and Robert Horne directors. which resumed trading after the announcement, climbed The combined business will

US banks turn down \$100m buy-in opportunity

British firm rides to Colt's rescue

By Stephen Leather

A LONDON investment banking firm has masterminded the management buyin of one of the companies which helped to tame the Wild West. Oakes, Fitzwilliams & Co rode to the rescue of Colt Firearms after American banks gave the \$100 million management buy-in the

thumbs down. Oakes, with Ivory & Sime, the Scottish investment manager, and County Nat-West Ventures, the investment banker, put together an innovative financial package giving them control of the brand name and all the Colt patents in exchange for \$25 million.

The patents will be licensed back to CF

Holdings, a company created to take over the Connecticut firm, which has been making handguns since Sam Colt founded the business in 1832. The deal effectively takes the goodwill off the gun firm's books, and at the same time allows the British financiers to license the Colt brand name around the world.

"Some research was done which showed that Colt was the fifth bestknown brand name in the world, behind names like McDonald's and Coke," said Mr Duncan Fitzwilliams of Oakes.

receive back pay of \$10 million. A new company has been formed to look after the licensing of the Colt name. million in exchange for a 47 per cent "All sorts of things have been suggested - Colt wiletries, Colt underpants - you equity stake.

having thinking up ways of using the name," said Mr Fitzwilliams. Before the British team could unlock

the value of the famous name, they had to deal with a four-year old strike and bring in a Swiss bank, Creditanstalt-Bankverein, which invested \$40 million. The smooth-talking Britons also persuaded the United Auto Workers Union

shares and arranged for 1,000 workers to They also convinced the State of Connecticut Pension Fund to put up \$25

to take 11.5 per cent of the gun firm's

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

£182m payment ends dispute over ITC fall

Council's creditors yesterday ended their 5½-year struggle to extract money from the 23 governments behind the collapsed commodity organization. However, the out-of-court settlement to 20 metal brokers, 13 banks and three smelters is much less than the creditors' claims of about £500 million. The courts gave moral support to the claims, but upheld the governments' case that they had no legal responsibility.

Lincoln back Disposals lift in the black Aitch results

IN ITS first profitable 12 A SURPLUS £442,000 from months since 1984. Lincoln property disposals helped House, the furniture group, Aitch Holdings, the fashion made £564,000 pre-tax retailer, return to profit in (£256,000 loss) last year.
Sales improved to £20.9
million, up from £16.6 million, Earnings were 4.23p
the year to November with £553,000 pre-tax (£1.3 million loss). Sales rose to £37.6 million (£19.7 million). (3.69p loss) but there is again There is again no dividend. on carnings of 1p (4.1p loss). no dividend.

Era defends buyout

THE chairman of Era Group, Mr Murray Gordon, has written to shareholders to defend the £1 management buyout of the Lexterten reproduction furniture business despite an alternative offer from Mr David Llewellyn, its former managing director, said to be worth £1 million more to Era. Mr Gordon says Mr Llewellyn and his consortium did not have the necessary funds within the time limit set by the Era board. The management buyout includes write-offs of £3.9 million. Era shareholders vote on the deal on Wednesday.

DC Gardner Executex to at £1.6m

PRE-TAX profits at DC Gardner, the business consultant, jumped from £1 million to £1.6 million in 1989 on sales up from £6 million to £9.9 million. The total dividend rises from 3.3p to 4.3p on earnings per share, after exceptional items, of 10.7p (11.4p).

go private

EXECUTEX Clothes, the troubled men's suit maker, is to be taken private with an agreed £858,991 bid from Premierilag. Executex yes-terday fell into a pre-tax £1.1 million loss for the 1989 year (previous year's profit: £442,700). There is no dividend (1.5p last year).



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The profit for 1989 before extraordinary items was HKS 3,0828 million, an increase of 27 % over 1988. There were no extraordinary profits in 1989 (1988, HKS3859 million). The audited

Sheppard plans Tokyo share listing and \$500m acquisitions GrandMet looks to the Far East

of Grand Metropolitan include infill acquisitions worth \$500 million and a Tokyo listing, according to Mr Allen Sheppard, the chairman.

GrandMet is wary of specifying where it will be investing to expand Pillsbury, the US food group bought in 1988 for \$5.75 billion. But observers indicated European foods. There is a perceived weakness on the Continent where Mr Sheppard is likely to want to add another brand name.

The group has sworn off "macro-acquisitions" for the forseeable future, its chairman told analysis. It would run into problems with the planned New York listing in

PLANS for the development September if it were to alter drastically its structure again. But Mr Sheppard pointed

out that \$500 million could not be considered a significant sum for GrandMet. It will raise \$100 million at most from the US listing, and Mr Sheppard is known to favour a smaller figure because of the low value, in his view, of GrandMet shares at present.

Tokyo should follow in about 15 months, once the group has boosted the proportion of Japanese shareholders to 2 per cent. Only 4-5 per cent of its shares are bold outside Britain -about half of those in the US - despite its international spread and ambitions.

Within two months, Alpo,

the pet food business, will be 10-year beer sold for \$600 million to \$700 million. Half a dozen serious tenders have been received.

Mr Sheppard said he was confident the public house and breweries swap with Elders IXI, the Australian brewer, would not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, given that the brewing industry had seen 15 investigations over the same number of years.

"Another wouldn't do us much harm, but it would be a waste of taxpayer's money," he said.

But analysts believe the European Commission may intervene in the Elders deal and require some changes to a

Mr Barry Gibbons, appointed chief executive officer last year to turn round the struggling Burger King chain, gave analysts a review of the success to date. Burger King claims to be bucking the trend in the US hamburgers industry, where big names like GrandMet's finances. The McDonald's have been indicating falling volumes.

"Ours is not a head-to-head battle with McDonald's," he said. But Burger King has had its best quarter for three years in January to March, with total worldwide sales 13 per cent up on a year ago. Restaurant volumes were running as much as 16 per cent higher

supply than a year previously in one week in March. Estimates are for a 25 per

cent profits rise in the present 12 months to March 31, with the last half showing a greater improvement than the first. Mr Gibbons denied suggestions that turning round Bur-

ger King would be a drain on hamburger business had operating cash flow of more than \$200 million over that 12-month period. Burger King has put its own valuation of \$1 billion on its

company-owned estate comprising 840 freeholds and 1,010 long leases among its worldwide chain of more than 6,000 restaurants.



HK banks lift rate to bridge gap

From Lula Va Hong Kong

THE Hong Kong banks are to raise their prime lending rates by one percentage point to 11 per cent on Monday.

The move follows higher

rates in the local money market, and is aimed at attracting more Hong Kong

dollar deposits.

Mr Paul Selway-Swift, the chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Banks, said that the rise was prompted by the growing gap between local dollar loans and deposits.

In the 12 months to end-January, loan demand grew by 30 per cent, but deposits rose only 15 per cent. Additionally, more people have been switching to foreign currency deposits to try to save for emigration, and banks have had to tighten lending policy

for Hong Kong dollar loans. The raising of the prime rate will give Hong Kong a higher rate than in the US, where it is 10 per cent. Because the HK dollar is pegged to the green-back, this should encourage investors to switch from US to HK dollar deposits.

Midsummer in bid talks

European Leisure has con-firmed it is in takeover talks with Midsummer Leisure, the public houses and clubs company. They are thought to be discussing an offer at just under 200p a share, valuing Midsummer at about £100 million. Midsummer was 2p higher at 160p after the news.

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Former BAe chief Forward in joins Capel board



Sir Raymond Lygo, the former chief executive of British Aerospace, is to join the board of James Capel Corporate Finance as a non-executive director from the beginning of May. Sir Raymond joined British Aerospace in 1978 after a distinguished career in the Royal Navy. Capel expects him to "give an important impetus to corporate finance."

35p slump on warning

By Melinda Wittstock

THE market value of Forward Group has been halved after the USM-quoted manufactu-rer of circuit boards for the electronics industry gave warning of "a small overall loss" for the year to end-January.

The shares slumped from 70p to 35p after the company revealed that its troubled subsidiaries — Technograph Microcircuits and Silicon Microsystems - had incurred substantial trading losses," which would push the group into a second-half loss.

The difficulties at Techno-graph and Silicon, described

as "more serious than could reasonably have been ex-pected," were blamed for a 46 per cent drop in interim pre-tax profits to £384,000, announced last October.

Mr Ray Chamberlain, the chairman, replaces Mr John Goulding, who resigned yesterday as chief executive because of the difficulties. The future of Silicon

Microsystems, the loss-making microchip design business acquired two years ago, was under "critical review," said Mr Chamberlain. Given a slump in the electronics mar-ket, the subsidiary had not been able to generate enough orders to schieve profitability. "We can't hold on indefinitely to a loss-making company."

The loss at Technograph Microcircuits was blamed onhigher-than-expected relocation costs. But Mr Chamberlain said he believed Technograph's new management would turn it around.

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Adwest falls by 11%

group, has suffered an 11 per executive, says that all divisions are now experiencing less to £4.3 million for the halfyear to December.

buoyant trading conditions.

Turnover was £58.8 million, up from £46.3 million performance was likely, and 1.25p on earnings of 4.5p (5n).

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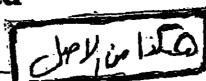
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The Annual Report for 1969 will be sent to shareholders on 7th May 1990.

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£150m Lutyens House deal boosts Greycoat

SHARES in Greycoat, the valued at £170 million. At property developer, rose 12p maturity the bond issue is to 413p on news that the com-worth 88 per cent thereof.

At interest swap deals agreed by including the first rent review on the building—the coupon is 6.25 per cent. to 413p on news that the company had successfully re-financed Lutyens House, its 192,000 sq ft City development. BP, the oil company, will pay about £55 a sq ft rent and move in this year.

Greycoat has teamed up with Salomon Brothers International to issue £150 million of "deep discount stepped coupon first mortgage notes."
The issue—the largest securitized development finance ever issued in Britain—has been bought by international investors, mostly from Japan.

Lutyens House has been

Traditional mortgage finance would only have been available up to about 65 per cent of value and would have required servicing at full mar-ket rates, now approaching 16 £92 million. per cent. Greycoat's cost of borrowing under this issue which carries an initial cou-pon of 6.25 per cent — is 12.382 per cent.

The issue, reflecting the deep discount of the notes, has raised £96.4 million for and National Westminster Greycoat. But there is an ad-ditional £15.8 million extra-cover the coupon on the notes.

The total proceeds of the issue are therefore £112.2 million, most of which will be used to repay Greycont's construction finance of about

Mr Guignard indicated that the refinancing package was a perfect illustration of how a modern building let to a top nant could be exploited as cash flow.

The £9.75 million that BP ordinary profit arising from For the first six years - creases in the building's value.

For the second half of its 12year life, the compon on the bond will be 12.5 percent. The bond's lifespan has been confincted to cover two tent reviews — every five years on commercial property leases.

Because BP's rent matches the coupon on the notes, Lutyens House will have no impact on Greycoat's profit and loss account. But the company's balance sheet already £73.6 million better off after the refinancing - will benefit from any future in-

Winning scenario for a general election in the autumn of 1991 he poll tax is about to become a reality in England and Wales, but that is not all. Today is

vesting day for the 12 area electricity boards in England and Wales, when they become distribution companies in preparation for privatiza-tion in November. In the Irish Repub-lic, finance ministers of the 12 EC countries are spending the weekend talking about the next steps toward economic and monetary union. The subject of the UK joining the Exchange Rate Mechanism of the European Monetary System is bound to come up.

Together, electricity privatization and the ERM could have as much, if not more, influence on the outcome of the next general election than the dreaded poll tax. The critical election factor is the level of interest rates in general and mortgage rates in particular. John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, foresees materially-lower interest rates from the beginning of next year as inflation falls. Before the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee on Wednesday, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, seemed more cautions on both counts. High interest

best of luck with her ty-

coons. As stars have fallen

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chipped the gilt of the Enterprise Culture.

The fallen stars may have done no more than swallow their own publicity,

or win the Guardian's Young Business-

man of the Year award. We need largerthan-life entrepreneurs. They enliven the scene, provide ample material for

the media and leave a legacy of

Appropriately enough, given the Prime Minister's own background, the Eighties were a profitable decade for

high-profile builders of retail empires — Sir Ralph Halpern (Burton), Sir Phil

Harris (Harris Queensway), Stanley Kalms (Dixons), Sir Terence Conran (Storehouse), James Gulliver (Argyll),

George Davies (Next). But for all of

them, the going became much harder toward the end of the Eighties. Only

two of the top 10 retailers, measured by

growth in earnings per share between 1986/87 and 1989/90, are entrepre-

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innovation and achievement.



rates would continue because this is "an era of higher interest rates." Inflation is in the system, the demand for capital is heavy and savings are low.

But "high", and indeed "low", interest rates are relative and at least the Governor thinks ours are high enough unless sterling went through the floor when they would have to go up. And as he came close to saying, if only the Government and its supporters would put their own house in order, stop squabbling and stop undermining the pound's greatest asset (the Prime Minister), the risk of a run on the pound would diminish sharply.

Where Chancellor and Governor, and Nigel Lawson, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Sir Leon Brittan, are out of step with the Prime Minister is over the date of joining the ERM. In my judgement, John Major would be taking a serious

risk in reducing interest rates according to his timetable unless the UK is in the ERM before the year-end. If it is correct that the Prime Minister has agreed to let her Chancellor have the final say on the date, then we should in by the new year and contemplating a general election in the autumn of 1991 — an election the Government would have a reviving chance of winning. The rate of inflation (forecast at "slightly above" 7 per cent) would not be down to anything like the West German level (the ideal position from which to join the ERM), but provided it was moving down and we were in the ERM, the pound might not come under attack. Interest rates would then start to fall, taking mortgage rates down with them.

In the City's view, this is the only possible election-winning scenario the Government can construct in the time it has left. The area boards would have been sold off in November with perks (discounts on electricity bills) and at attractive prices. The second Major Budget would come in March, 1991, followed by the privatization of National Power and PowerGen.

If nothing else I hope I have taken your mind off the poll tax!

Surprise bid for Early's

A SURPRISE £13.2 million bid has been launched by Grovewood Securities for Early's of Witney, the asset-rich Oxfordshire blanket maker.

Clayhithe, Early's 29.9 per

cent shareholder says it will accept the Grovewood bid, unless a higher bid appears.
Part of the offer is to be financed by a placing of 6 million new shares, raising £10.2 million before expenses. Grovewood currently has 19.5 per cent of Early, and with

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trois 49.4 per cent.

Meyer purchase Meyer International, the builders' and timber merchants, is acquiring Klockner & Co's builders' merchant subsidiary, a sector leader in West Germany, for an un-disclosed sum. The business, which has 23 branches, had a turnover of about £100 mil-

Spurs' million

lion in the year to end-

Better home attendances lifted Tottenham Hotspur, the quoted football club, to pre-tax profits of £1.12 million (£275,000) in the six months to end-November. Turnover rose 10 per cent to £11.3 million and earnings to 9.7p (2.5p). The interim dividend is held at 1p.

Faupel suffers

Faupel Trading, importer of textiles from China, expects profits to fall by about £500,000 to £1 million, after the Tiananmen Square massacre caused production difficulties. The company has also been hit by flood damage at a main warehouse. The shares lost 14p to 58p on USM.

Guidehouse fall

Guidehouse Group, the financial services company, saw 1989 pre-tax profits fall 69 per cent to £501,000, after £880,000 in the first half. A final dividend of 0.2p, makes 0.6p (1.4p). This was despite a 26 per cent rise in turnover to £13,4 million.

ATA slips

Pre-tax profits at ATA Selection, the employment slipped £95,000 to £849,000 in 1989 on turnover of £6.3 million (£5.4 million). A final dividend of 1.5p makes 2.5p (2.14p) on earnings of 4.38p (5.23p).

Goal surge

Goal Petroleum raised pre-tax profits to £5.21 million (£443,000) for the year ended December. Net profit at £2.42 million compared with £1.59 million, and net earnings rose from 1.41p to 1.82p. The dividend is held at 1p.

Kingspan ahead

Kingspan, the building mateprofits 32 per cent to Ir£2.8 million (£2.69 million) on turnover of Ir£40.5 million (Ir£2.8 million). The dead is Ir1.33p (Ir1.42p) on earnings of Ir10.07p (Ir8.43p).

Sale lifts Fairhaven to \$7m



Well-placed: chairman Jim Davidson amounces Fxirhaven's profit rise yesterday

FAIRHAVEN International, tional gain of \$4 million from which provides services to the the disposal of the group's oil, gas and petrochemical construction industries, re- tankers. Pre-tax profits before vealed \$7.32 million pre-tax the exceptional item advanced profits in the year to end-Dec- by 52.7 per cent to \$3.32 ember, against \$2.17 million for the previous 11 months

(Philip Pangalos writes).

Earnings per share jump from 0.8 cents to 2.45 cents, Profits included an excep- and there is a first-ever divi- construction.

dend of 0.1 cent. Turnover more than doubled, up from interest in one of its two \$83.2 million to \$175.1

> Mr James Davidson, the chairman, said the group is well-positioned in the offshore construction industry and is also expanding in onshore

Retailing is in transition from the high consumer spending years of the eighties, but to what? A return to brimming tills when the Government sorts the economy out? Not according to Geoffrey Mulcahy, chairman and chief executive of Kinglisher (Woolworth,

and Burton in ninth.

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Comet, B&Q, Superdrug, Chartwell Land). In his view, the Eighties were exceptional.

The new breed of high street retailer

"The Eighties inspired a great deal of investment in retail space and refurbshment. Costs were built into the system then and more costs - higher rents, higher wages, the new business rate - are being added now. There is too much retail capacity. At the same time, customers are demanding more than retail concepts. They want better value for money. Success in the Nineties will depend on the value stores are able to offer, coupled with an efficient operation that can deliver goods and services at the lowest cost. Retail groups will be judged, not least in the City, by the same criteria already applied to many

businesses outside the retail sector." Mulcahy and a small team have led Kingfisher since Paternoster Stores paid £310 million for FW Woolworth in November, 1982. Kingfisher is second to Ratners in the table I referred

Mulcahy is not in the whiz-kid mould and he would not permit himself to be carried away by his own public relations. His manner is quiet and be smiles more than in the early days and at the time of Dixons' 1986 bid for the company.

His basic strategy is to establish leading positions in key markets. The group has a 12 per cent market share of DIY business, 9 per cent of electricals, 6 per cent of confectionery sales, 3.5 per cent of children's wear, 16 per cent of toiletries and 15 per cent of "entertain-ment." The £460 million bid for Dixons before the MMC is unlikely to be approved but the logic is simple: to add to market share in electricals. "We are not acquisition-driven," Mulcahy says. "If this one fails, it would leave management free to take another company on board. But we don't have to. There is plenty of scope to grow our market shares, albeit more slowly, without taking over other companies

Woolworths is still "a great brand name, part of our heritage which people remember foundly." It has had to undergo a dramatic change in customer profile in order to survive. Mulcahy admits to finding the process of chang-ing a company fascinating. The really exciting thing about the business is to look back, note what you have accomplished and realize that there are more opportunities now than there were a year ago. To take them requires conviction, tempered with a degree of humility. Success comes not from a belief in your own infallibility but actually from working harder!"

The immediate question in the wake of Kingfisher's excellent figures is: What can they do for an encore, especially if the Dixons bid falls through?" I suspect more of the same. On a price/earnings ratio of 10, the stock must be one to hold.

group managing director.

Mr Scobie resigned and left the company on Thursday. No explanation was given for his departure and the company refuses to say whether he will receive any compensation.

A Blackwood spokesman said Mr Scobie's departure was not connected with the results for 1989, which show a £2.2 million loss in Britain. Profits as a whole are up on

last year due to a good performance in other regions and a boost from property profits. Pre-tax profits last year rose from £15.5 million to £18.3 million on sales up from £413 million to £497

Earnings per share were static at 7.4p and the total dividend for the year is up from 1.5p to 1.65p.

The results include a £3.8

credit card payment business

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magazine

THE NEWS Corporation, the world-wide media empire where Mr Rupert Murdoch is the chief executive, expects to receive at least \$400 million from the agreed sale of Star Magazine to GP Group, publisher of The National Enquir er and Weekly World News.

rest in preferred stock. Star Magazine, The Nat-ional Enquirer and Weekly

The sale, which is expected

Star Magazine was launched in 1974 and is published in Tarrytown, New York, by News America Publishing Inc. a subsidiary of NewsCorp.

publish it at its current

NewsCorp shares lost 10p

Blackwood Hodge NewsCorp director resigns

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million. Mr Roger Pinnington, the

chairman of Blackwood Hodge, said overseas earnings were reduced last year by a very poor performance from both domestic and export UK

"In the latter part of 1989, the unacceptable performance of the domestic and export activities of our main British business became increasingly apparent and changes were made in our senior management and in our method of operation," he said.

The group expects the British division to return to profit this year.

share approaching 50 per cent.

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Banks' credit card deal

BARCLAYS Bank has sold its 18,000 outlets, and a market

THE mining equipment com-pany, Blackwood Hodge, has lost Mr Kenneth Scobie, its million from a favourable By Colin Campbell The British division made an operating loss of £2.2 million against a profit of £3.2

NewsCorp will receive half the proceeds in cash and the

World News are mass market, general interest weekly periodicals with a broad range of content, from personality and human interest stories to medical articles.

to be completed before June 30, is subject to conditions that include governmental waivers or approvals.

GP plans to maintain the nagazine's editorial independence and to continue to

location Mr Martin Singerman, the president of News America, said: "We are confident that Star Magazine will continue to prosper in their good

The Guinness trial

Banker tells of action over indemnity

SIR Jack Lyons, the financier, asked an Austrian bank to cover up an indemnity paid after its investment in Guinness, during the bid for Distillers, to "avoid problems" in a Government inquiry. it was alleged in Southwark Crown Court

The Zentralsparkasse und Kom-merzial Bank Wien was paid £254.000 for losses suffered when the Guinness share price fell after the £2.7 billion takeover of the Scottish whisky group in

But the hank, which had invoiced Guinness for the cash, said such documents were "out of the question." Dr Hurst Tiefenthaler, the bank's London representative, told the court of

Sir lack's request: "For the first time I became a bit suspicious and panicky because it was a bit unusual." He said Sir Jack explained that the Department of Trade investigators could possibly want to interview them both

about the share transaction. And, he said, since an invoice to Guinness had been copied from Sir

Jack's own handwritten suggestion for "consultancy fees" it was obvious "it should be substantiated by some documentation."

Dr Tiefenthaler said he expressed his concern to his superiors in Vienna and vas told the request was "out of the

Dr Tiefenthaler said Sir Jack always mentioned "we will cover you" and he took this to mean J Lyons Chamberlayue, or Bain, the management consultant, with which he associated Sir Jack He told of his surprise at having to invoice the company for "consultancy fees" to collect an indemnity for ZKB's

Dr Tiefenthaler said on June 23, 1986, he telephoned Sir Jack to tell him of the shortfall after the bank sold its Guinness

"I asked him how do we get the money back and Sir Jack said 'leave it to me'." At a lunch the next day the financier handed him a hand-written invoice, on the bank's stationery, to type out and send to Guinness. "It was addressed to

Guinness PLC and said 'to consultancy fees regarding European acquisitions," he said. The banker said he assumed it was in Sir Jack's handwriting. But he said it was not what he was expecting. Dr Tiefenthaler said when the DII

inquiry was announced Sir Jack assured inquiry was amounted Sir Jack assured him there was nothing to worry about. It was aimed at Ivan Boesky, a Wall Street arbitrageur and a Guinness supporter.

On December 23, Sir Jack "in a subtle and very nice way" said "whether we could not put in writing the things we had disputed over all those months."

had discussed over all those months." It is alleged an illegal share support operation was mounted to win the Distillers bid with illicit indemnities and success fees being paid to supporters.
Sir Jack, aged 74; Mr Ernest Saunders,
aged 54, the former Guinness chairman;

Mr Gerald Ronson, aged 50, Heron Corporation chamman; and Mr Anthony Parnes, aged 44, stockbroker, variously deny 24 course on the indictment including theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act. The trial continues.

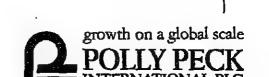
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Dividend per share (net) p	13.0	9.5	+37
Shareholders' funds £m	827.0	386.2	+114

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT ...

"The year was, by any standards, a remarkable and an appropriate conclusion to a decade in which the Group achieved an unbroken record of profitable growth and success.

~1990 has started well; the Board is confident that it will be the beginning of an exciting second decade of growth for the Group, and that the strategy we develop during the 1990s will be as successful as that implemented during the 1980s."



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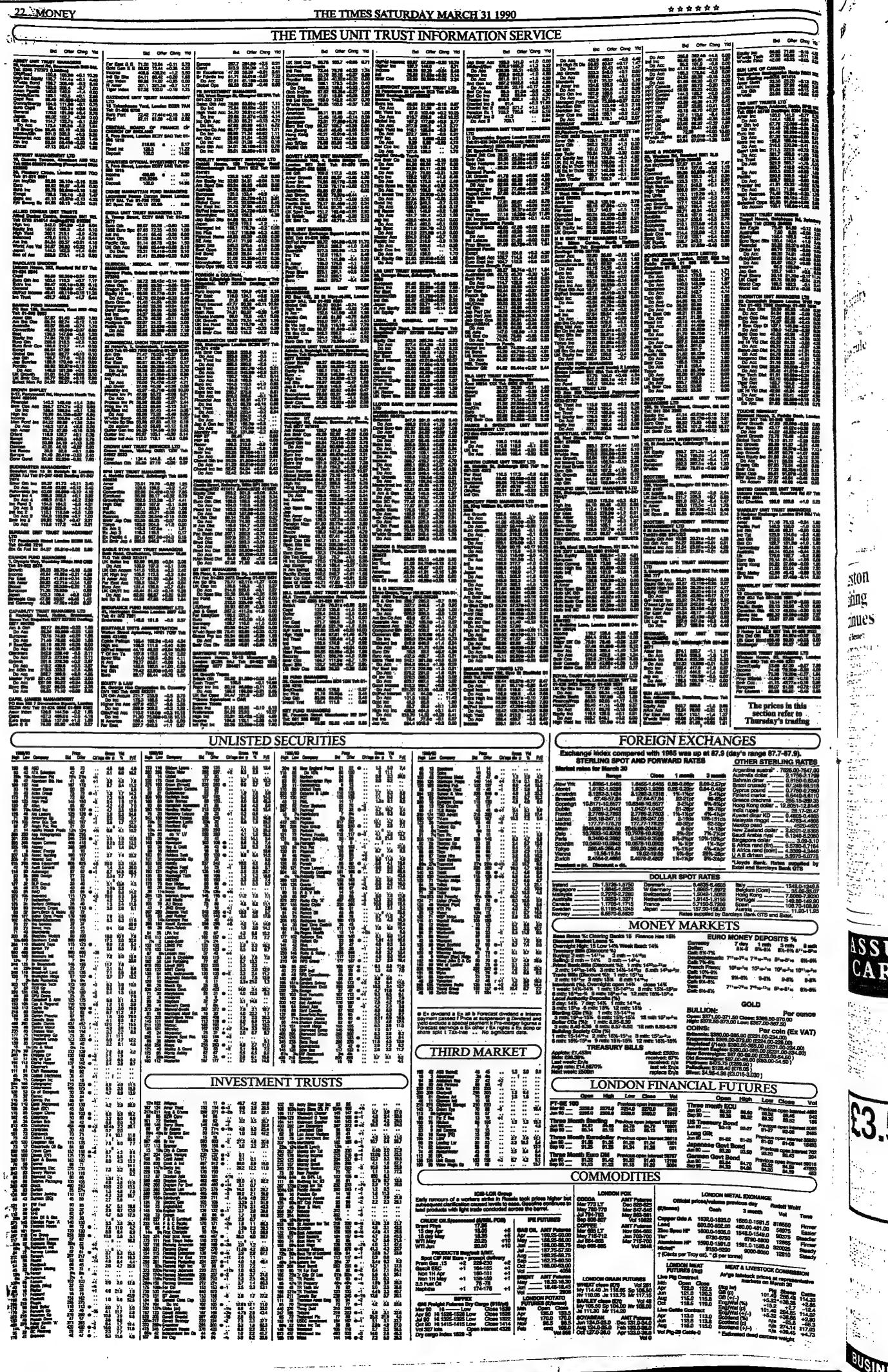
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The number of investors attracted to Business Expansion schemes this year has contracted leaving some projects without enough money to go ahead. But the industry still hopes for a rush of investors before next Thursday Page 24

Cold comfort

Changes to the rules governing cold calling have been pro-posed by an SIB committee. If they go ahead we can expect many more calls Page 25

Home tax

Couples can avoid their home being liable to inheritance tax without losing the use of the property. By becoming tenhomes, couples with houses worth more than £128,000 can cut orreduce the tax . Page 26

Image inquiry Banks are taking their clip-boards into streets and homes to find out how their cus-

tomers see them Page 27 Societies rule

As building societies merge so do their rule books. The changes may be of concern to they may have difficulty in



Garston waiting continues

By Neil Bennett

MORE than two months after the Garston Amburst Investor Protection Group was formed investors in the collapsed life assurance broker are still trying to recover their money.

The group has held lengthy talks on compensation with Target, the life assurance offshoot of the TSB Group, which authorized Garston to sell its products. But so far it has been unable to secure anything except an offer to meet legal fees for some of the group's members. This is despite encouraging letters from Sir Nicholas Goodison, the TSB chairman.

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Target has also paid two interest instalments on a Garston policy to a lady aged 94 threatened with eviction from her nursing home.

The protection group has 125 members of the 300 it believes lost money in the collapse. The members have lost more than £3 million between them. Last week, two Garston Amhurst directors were charged with conspiracy to defined

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TSB turns a new chapter in passbooks

By Margaret Dibbea

THE TSB wants to revitalize an old banking favourite — the passbook — but designed for use in cash mach-ines. Before the final decision, the bank is bringing out a new savings account next month with the option of plastic cards or passbooks.

The cards will be usable in cash machines immediately and the pass-books will in time, if TSB decides to go ahead with new-style automated teller machines. A TSB spokesman said."Although it will be called a passbook, which has certain connotations of being down-market and

ented in a modern way conveying convenience and usefulness, it could possibly compete with cash cards."

For years banks have tried to woo. ters away from passbooks and on to the cheaper technology of plastic cards. But customers have been slow to change. Although the precise details have still to be finalized, it is known that the new TSB savings account will be an instant-access tiered account.

Explaining the bank's rekindled interest in old fashioned passbooks, he said: "The passbook is not passe. pilots to test customer reactions in

Changing TSB's existing ATMs only requires adapting the standard machines already installed. But he added: "It is actually quite complex and expensive because you need to print in the passbook as well as read information to update the balance."

Customers would be able to pay money in, make withdrawals and update their balances through the cash machine with their passbooks although the ATM probably will not

be able to turn pages.

Although passbooks are particu-

would aim the new system at the young. The spokesman said: "The market, as we see it, is at the youth

end where there is the question of design and of convenience. We believe the passbook is a form of on-line banking as you always have your balance and can always check how much you have in your account in a simple and fairly stylish way, particularly if you can introduce the whole thing into a machine."

TSB has taken the idea from the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, which a year ago introduced machines in Hongkong which can read passwith plans to instal them in all the bank's Hongkong branches.

A spokesman for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank said: "Cheques have never been a big thing in Hongkong and many people have passbooks in different currencies. We call the new machines Coputs computer operated passbook up-dating terminals. They are like a building society passbook which you ood into the machine."

The bank keeps an electronic record as well for when the customer withdraws money over the counter or in case the passbook is lost.

takes a benign view By Jon Ashworth THOUSANDS of people will no longer have to alter their charitable covenants, following a sudden change by the The Budget ruled that cov-

Revenue

enants with escape clauses which allow donors to break off payments in certain circumstances — would no longer attract tax relief in certain circumstances. This meant some donors would have to cancel the old covenant with the agreement of the charity, and make up any tax relief which would have been paid by the Revenue. They would also have to draw

up a new covenant. Now, the Revenue has decided such covenants will attract tax relief after all, even if they are in the process of being drawn up. The new rules will only apply to covenants drawn up since the Budget. The move will be welcomed by charities who rely on charitable covernants for much of their regular income.

The Charities Aid Founda tion, which distributes more than £50 million a year, said it welcomed the new relaxation. "We welcome any move which encourages charitable giving," said a spokesman.

The original ruling would have caught covenants with an escape clause made this tax year on which tax had not yet been reclaimed. Covenants with such a clause will be allowed to run their course with relief, if tax has already been paid. Charitable covenants must run for at

Rivals to sell Halifax Standard Life trusts

UNIT trusts and personal clients. Standard Life is num-equity plans bearing the name ber one for endowment sales of the Halifax Building Soci-and number two in the pencty should be on sale through the branches of rival building societies and independent financial advisers such as National Westminster Bank

within months. The largest building society announced this week that it has established a company jointly with Standard Life, the largest mutual insurance company and unit trust group.

Halifax Standard Life products will be available through the Halifax's 745 branches and 688 estate agency offices, Standard Life tied agents and independent financial advisers such as the Yorkshire building society.

The size and investment performance of Standard Life pers. has made it one of the main beneficiaries of the Financial Services Act, which requires independent financial sales-

steadily for years, and the picture is unlikely to change for some time, according to

the latest economic forecast.

A further rise in interest

rates, a weaker Australian

dollar and a fall in export

values are just some of the

predictions to follow the elec-

tion. Australian commodity

export prices are expected to

show a fall for the 12 months

to June 1990, according to the

Australian Bureau of Agricult-

ure and Resource Economics.

The dollar is projected to fall 4 per cent in the same period, and the balance of

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sions market. It only began selling unit

trusts to the public five years ago and more than 50 per cent of the £5 billion it has invested in unit trusts has come from institutional chents. The joint venture is intended to bring its unit trusts to the direct attention of investors as well as brokers and advisers. It hopes the new company will allow it to compete with high street pages like M&G and Save & Prosper on their own ground.

National Westminster Bank, the largest independent, already sells Standard Life products through its branches and expects to sell the Halifax Standard Life unit trusts and

A spokesman said:"If it was the right product for the client in investment terms we would

stands at less than a quarter of

its value five years ago accord-

ing to figures collated by

Micropal, the investment statistics group. An invest-

ment as recently as March

1987 is worth only 28 per cent

are worth less today than they

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At the Yorkshire Building Society, a spokesman said: We would be quite

happy to sell Halifax Standard Life products. If it happens to be the right thing for that person we would have no hesitation." Mr Stephen Spilsbury, general manager of the Bradford & Bingley Building Society and it did not currently sell

Standard Life products be-cause of the company's reli-Mr Birrell said: "The new cause of the company's relihe added:"If the Halifax Stundard Life unit trusts are the best products we would sell

Mr Jim Birrell, the chief executive of the Halifax, said:"It would be surprising if these products were not mended by all independent advisers at one time or

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"We still hold firmly that everybody should have as first base an immediate access or short-term deposit account. We are developing the second and third bases. "We hope a lot of the



'Breader range': Jim Birrell, Halifax chief executive

the inheritance factor." An- the tax deducted from the ety of £534 million in the year ending January 1990, Mr Birrell said it would be launching a high income fund shortly. This is likely to take the form of a cash unit trust, which could invest partly in the Halifax. Such funds allow.

nouncing profits for the soci- inurest. The funds will be sold on an execution basis through Halifax branches with no investment advice being given by staff. Initially there is no plan to allow investors to cash in units through branches but such an innovation would give the funds an advantage

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End of season rush for BES investors

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Expansion Schemes have fallen by the wayside while others are being expanded

The latest season of Business Expansion Schemes ends next week with most issues strug-gling to raise even their mini-

High fliers like Airways Homes have attracted most of the money, leaving the rest to pick up what they can.

Airways Homes IV was hurriedly launched last week, after the third issue attracted £5 million in less than two weeks. Airways III and IV are both investing in homes near Gatwick to let mainly to British Airways employees. The two earlier issues invested near Heathrow,

A variety of issues have raised over £120 million and as much as another £50 mil-lion may flood in by Thurs-day. But analysts agree that the final total will be well short

RESt Investment, said he expected this season's total to be nearer £140 million - largely in line with earlier BES years. Mr Spiers said one concern

this season was the large number of issues going ahead with low levels of subscrip-tion. If less cash was raised, costs could proportionately be higher and there would be less capital for development.

He said it was possible investors would look back on the present season in a year's time and feel they had missed a good buying opportunity. Housing prices are low.

Mr John Harrison, consult-ing editor of BES Magazine, said as much as £175 million

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£350 million had been inflated by special factors.

An extra £100 million had been raised from investors "carrying back" to the pre-vious tax year, while another £100 had been invested in close company Assured Tenancies which are no longer

High interest rates were having an affect, although it is not uncommon for investors to wait right up until the end of the tax year before signing their cheanes.

The season has been dominated by assured tenancies. but the number of general BES ssues has also riscu. Mr Harrison gave a warning that renancies on offer should be

Mr John Spiers, editor of may be raised for the season as Best BES Advice blamed poltical uncertainties for the

He said investors were reluctant to lock themselves in for five years while the outcome of the next general election remained uncertain. Neill Clerk's Cask & Tun Inns and Dairy Harvest, were well below their minimum

Cask & Tun, which has a minimum of £300,000, had raised just £35,000 by March Dairy Harvest has a lower

subscriptions last week.

minimum of £175,000, but had only raised £20,050 in the same period. A decision as to whether they should go ahead is ex-pected to be made early next

Several issues have been cancelled, including Eastleigh Homes from Matrix Securi-

ties, and Independent Living from Capital Ventures. Brown Shipley, the broker, is not proceeding with Castleton Retirement Homes, and Shire Trust has cancelled its Property Portfolio Fund.

few more times

The top performers this season include Airways Homes, Artesian II and First Stansted, all of which have been fully subscribed. Kerrington Developments, sponsored by Chancery, had raised over £4.25 million by last

 A new guide to the Business Expansion Scheme rules for investors and companies has been published by Investment and Tax Planning Services.

It looks at the effects of, itance tax, and explains how a company should set about raising BES finance. The guide costs £22.50. Details are avail-

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Bradford & Bingley has launched a new savings account to encourage investment ahead of the arrival of the Tax Exempt Special Savings Accounts next year. The Special Issue Flexible Savings Account will pay a top rate of interest of 11.25 per cent — Bet a Tessa with the Yorshire next will be available to Northand a Tessa with the Yorshire next will be available to Northand with a northand will be paid on contributions for customers who open interest of 11.25 per cent — Bet available to northand with more general queries, or cent will be paid on contributions for customers who open interest of 11.25 per cent — Bet available to northand with more general queries, or cent will be paid on contributions for customers who open interest of 11.25 per cent — Bet available to northand with more general queries, or cent will be paid on contributions for customers who open interest of 11.25 per cent — Bet available to north more general queries. interest of 11.25 per cent—net a Tessa with the Yorshire next of tax—to investors who con-year. The bonus will only vert their accounts to Tessa. apply to accounts opened by The new tax-exempt accounts June 1. No withdrawals are will pay interest gross once they are introduced in January. Savers can invest from £50 to £3,000 in the Bradford & Bingley account, and will gain a 3 per cent bonus if they switch to a Tessa.

In a similar vein, the now available to more than earning £20, Yorkshire Building Society is 55,000 customers, provides launching an investment bond banking details and other limit is £50.

permitted before the end of

the year. 24-hour telephone banking service to 30,000 more customers in the South-east. The DIALOG service, which is

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will be available to NatWest customers from April 24. The cards, which allow Switch payments, cash machine with-drawals, and cheque guarantees, will be available on Girobank has extended its application. The higher 24-hour telephone banking cheque limit will be available to Gold Plus Service customers. Servicecard 100 will be available to homeowners now available to more than earning £20,000 a year. The 55,000 customers, provides present cheque guarantee

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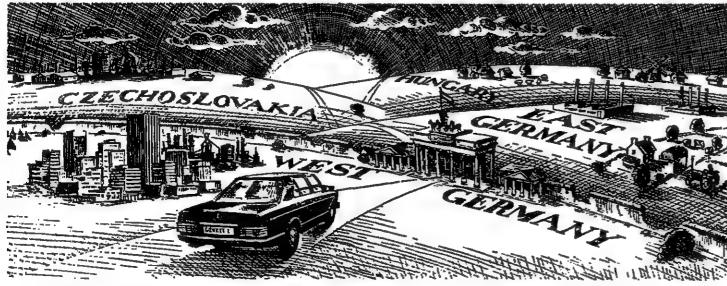
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Lindsay Cook looks at a plan to allow salesmen a foot in the door

SIB group seeks views on cold-calling investors

THE public can expect more unsolicited telephone calls and visits from investment salesmen if proposals from a Securities and Investments Board committee are adopted. And they may have to pay more for their investments into the bargain.

The retail review committee, comprising members of the self-regulatory organizations, wants brokers and investment companies to be able to sell investment trust savings schemes and personal equity plans by uninvited telephone calls and visits.

But for investment trust schemes to qualify they must allow investors a cooling-off period after agreeing to invest and in most cases change their rules to allow daily dealing.

The board wants to continue the ban on the cold calling of split capital funds and venture capital trusts as these are more complex and involve greater risk,

About 75 per cent of the 90 to 95 trusts available through savings schemes should be able to qualify.

A spokeswoman for the Association of Investment Trust Companies said it welcomed the proposals but is-sued a warning that investors' costs will rise.

should still provide better value compared with life assurance products."

Under the proposals, it would be possible for investment trusts to market their own schemes by telephone.

The report also confirms that the savings schemes should be allowed to sell directly through advertisements as long as these included product details. At present, they are allowed

to advertise, under transiinclude details. Many vol-

Mr Derek Fellows, the exec-



Bob Ferguson (left), Derek Fellows (centre) and Richard Cockroft of Fimbra

The committee is con-

many products makes it diffi-

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The committee also wants

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For readers who may have missed a copy of The Timer this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes

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risks and returns.

said the change is intended to confined to contacting by pushing over the doorstep."

Currently, a financial ad-

The committee suggested two options. One would be to confine unsolicited calls and subsequent transactions to comparatively "safe" diversified investments and investment agreements. The other would give greater latitude and would not require diversitional rules, but do not have to include details. Many vol-cold-calling of highly volatile

claims are factual, compare Brokers wanting to provide like with like and avoid the utive director of the SIB and personal advisory and dislike with like and avoid the Build
chairman of the committee, cretionary services would be misleading use of rankings 3NL.

telephone as this was regarded as less intrusive than doorstep visits. The board would suggest the telephone call was used to seek an appointment, At the meeting, the salesman would find out about the client and explain the risks of the investments. A customer agreement

could then be sent to the client and after it was signed and returned the service could

cerned that the complexity of document. This should be published this year and the earliest the proposals could be It proposes that a working party should look into the feasibility of developing mea-

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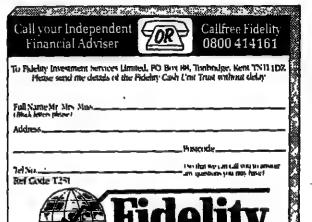
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bring investment trust schemes and share Peps into line with unit trusts. He said: "But we don't want this to become a facility for share-

"Providing cooling-off periods and changing schemes so that investors can sell every day instead of once a week will add to the costs, but they example, an investor might benefit from sheltering £6,000 in a share Pep but a broker would only be able to suggest a unit trust with an annual investment limit of £3,000.

products.

and other comparisons. "It is the responsibility of the regulatory authorities to take steps to reduce the danger that unsophisticated investors will be persuaded by promotional material or personal advice to commit themselves to transactions which they would not consider if they had a better grasp of the financial implica-

It is intended to set up a working party to simplify the information

Comments are invited on the recommendations by June 29. The committee will then produce a further consultative implemented would be the turn of the year.

Members of self-regulatory organizations should send their comments to their organizations. The public and other interested parties should write to Mr Bob Ferguson, Securities and Investments

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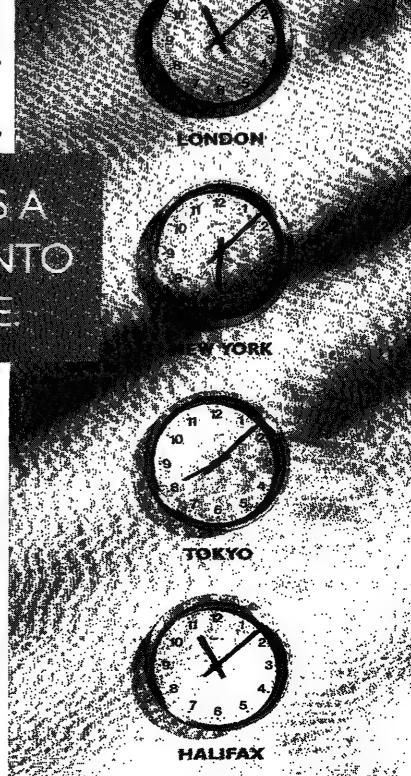
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TIME DEPOSIT



Popular Peps are Portfolio pulling in money at record levels

INVESTORS have put hundreds of millions of pounds into personal equity plans this month, in a last-minute rush to invest before the end of the tax year. Top providers, such as MIM Britannia and M&O have seen record levels of business, with signs that Peps are appealing to a wider audience.

Mr John Spiers, editor of Best Pep Advice, said that new business for this financial year was likely to reach more than £1 billion. Next year, the amount could climb again to

The most successful group in terms of sales is likely to be MIM Britannia, which attracted £130 million from investors last year. A spokesman said that it was on course for another very good year, although levels of investment since January would not be revealed until after the end of

Other top performers include Lloyds Bank, Midland and M&G, which have taken close to £100 million between them since the start of the

Mr Derek Booker, manager of Lloyds' Pep centre, said that the year had been "an absolute bonanza" for sales. Business had reached unprecedented levels in the past few weeks, exceeding even December, when the ending of old-style Peps saw a late rush.

More than£35 million has been invested in Lloyds' Peps in the past three months. In 1989, more than £100 million was invested, and £250 million has been attracted since January 1987. The average rep investment is £4,000.

M&G's unit trust-only Pep

Pep investment this month, was also confident of a good last-minute response. Pep investment is £4,000.



Fidelity with Peps

has proved popular since its launch last June. By this week, more than £95 million had been invested, and sales should top £100 million by April 5, when the tax year ends. M&G is no longer accepting applications for this year from intermediaries, because of the need for a sevenday "cooling-off" period to allow clients to mull over the deal. Direct applications will be accepted until April 5.

The number of new M&G accounts opened since June 1989 is expected to top 50,000, and £20 million has been received in new investment in the past month alone.
Fidelity has attracted £68

million in new Pep invest-ment since last June. Mr Barry Bateman, managing director, said that most of the business had been seen in the past six weeks. About £130 million has been invested in Fidelity Peps since they were introduced.

Save & Prosper, with takings of £25 million in new

Guardian investors should boost balances for bonus

PEOPLE who have invest-ments with the Guardian Building Society who have made withdrawals since October 12 have just two weeks left to take advantage of a maximum bonus scheme (writes

The investors must restore their bulances to secure the highest possible bonus when the society merges with the Cheltenhum & Gloucester Building Society.

Lindsay ('ook).

The merger is planned to receive a bonus of £520.

take place on for Easter Mon-day. April 16, and investors will receive a 4 per cent bonus.

This will be either 4 per cent of their balance on October 12 or 4 per cent of that on April 16, whichever is lower. This means investors who

have made substantial withdrawals may be disappointed with their bonus, which will be paid net of basic rate tax.

The society estimated that the average investor would

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FAMILY MONEY

Divide and equalize to leave more afore ye go

Margaret Dibben

outlines several

ways of minimizing

inheritance tax on a family home

PAYING inheritance tax on the family home upsets a lot of people, especially if they do not realize there can be a way

The new starting point for inheritance tax, announced in the Budget, is £128,000 worth of assets. If all your assets total less than this, there is no tax to pay. But, because houses are so valuable, many people are caught if they have not planned ahead.

The first step in minimizing inheritance tax is for husbands and wives to make sure their assets are divided equally between them.

If they knew which partner

goes up to a GREAT BIG 13.5% pa was going to die first, they could make the most effective arrangements. But, as this is not usually possible, it is best to divide possessions in half want a regular monthly income from what accountants call "equal-

If all the money is in the husband's name, the wife would not be using her tax-free band of £128,000. Then, if she inherited all her husband's assets, her own estate when she dies will be that much larger and therefore more likely to attract inheritance

Gifts can be made during your lifetime and, provided the giver survives for another 0800 868 700 between 9am and 9pm seven years, there is no tax to pay. From three years the tax bill is reduced on a sliding

> Husbands and wives never have to pay tax on anything they leave to each other. But, provided they trust their heirs a couple can take steps to minimize the bill.

First, if the home is in one But they cannot simply give name, they should put it into the house away in their life-

of the law, they are "joint

This has nothing to do with

paying rent; it means that,

when one dies, the other automatically inherits the house regardless of what is in

the will. This gives the surviv-

ing spouse - most often the

To cut the inheritance tax

bill, the ownership needs to be

changed to "tenants in com-

mon." This can be done by

ever they want it passed on,

and not to each other. This

must be clearly stated in the

will. The couple can own the

house in unequal shares if they

she cannot be left homeless.

time and continue living there to avoid inheritance tax, unless they pay rent, because they would still have an interest in the house - the taxman calls this a "gift with reservation" — and there

The son or daughter inheriting the estate may have to pay inheritance tax if the deceased narent's estate still exceeds £128,000. But if it falls below, as is more likely since they are only inheriting half the value writing a letter to each other or

would be full inheritance tax

asking a solicitor to draw-up a payable, beneficiaries can In their wills, each spouse have an awkward time sorting eaves his or her share of the house to their children, how-

The Probate Registry cannot issue a grant of representased and paid, or at least most

However, there is some relief for people inheriting a the Revenue charges house. Otherwise there could late payments of tax.

be a large inheritance tax bill to be paid before the house is before they have the opportunity to put it on the market.

When filing accounts with the probate office the tax has building society accounts, but not on property and unquoted shares, until the date the tax is deemed due by the Inland Revenue. This falls six months after the end of the month in which the death

occurred To minimize the difficulty of meeting a substantial inher-Revenue allows people up to 10 years to pay, but only on tax due on houses and shares

Interest is charged on delayed payments at a special rate, currently 11 per cent, compared with the 13 per cent the Revenue charges on other

able on the empty property for

ment Assured would pay the

tax on the empty home for the

next three months, but the homeowner would face two

Insuring an empty property

can also pose problems. Once a home has been left un-

furnished or unoccupied for

over a month, the level of

cover on building and con-tents cover can be curtailed dramatically, even though premiums stay the same.

Home and contents insurance

costs an average of £200 per

If the property has not been sold after two years, it would

be repossessed by Retirement

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Pine view: Retirement Assured's flats for the elderly at Sefton Hall, Dawlish, Devon

ager, said the scheme gave

elderly people a way of moving into sheltered accom-

modation without having to

sell their home first, it gave

them a breathing space of two

years in which to find a buyer.

bedroom apartment ranges from £60 a week in the Wirral

to £121 in Bournemouth. An

Over two years, the final bill for rent and interest would be

close to £12,000. The rent

would rise by about 10 per cent after the first year.

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In addition the homeowner

The cost of renting a one-

SCHEME which allows elderly people to move into a retirement flat while they try to sell their home could leave

them facing a crippling bill. The "rent now, pay later" scheme from Retirement Assured, which specializes in retirement homes, is designed for elderly home-owners who have been unable to sell their property, but wish to move

apartment in Chipping Sod-bury, in the Cotswolds, would cost £97.70 a week, together Through the scheme, they can leave their property on the market for up to two years with weekly ground rent and charges of £25. without paying any rent on the retirement home in the mean-

The company has in-troduced the deferred-rental scheme on a handful of apartfaces the prospect of paying the poll tax twice - once on ments built by McCarthy & Stone, the retirement home

If the postponed rental is settled within 12 months, no interest is payable. If the rent is rolled-up for more than a year, interest of 12 per cent is charged on the whole amount.

time on the home which is up

Mr Chuck Stone, Retire-

go to the original owners once rental, interest and charges In some cases the charge on the empty home could be double the personal community charge and might cost an elderly couple hundreds more pounds a year. No poll tax would be pay-

Mr Stone said that the time imit was an incentive to participants to sell properties quickly. "We will be stressing to people who take up this theme to be very sensible about the price they are asking for their property. The joy of dealing with retired people is that they do take their time and take these things very Apartments are available in Devon, Dorset, Hampshire, the Cotswolds and The

wirral. Some of them are next to BUPA residential and nursing homes which can provide dining and extra care facilities if required. This is likely to cost at least another £10 a week, before meals and extras.

Age Concern, one of Britain's leading charities for the elderly, said it welcomed any schemes which

schemes which gave more choice to elderly people. But it said it was important to stress the implications of insurance and the poll tax along with any

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tomers. After years of seeming to ignore their wishes about opening hours, interest on current accounts, cheque guarantee cards and clarity of charges, competition is forcing them to ask what we want.

The National Westminster has commissioned a series of surveys by Gallup into savings habits, the Abbey National is using MORI to find out how we will pay poll tax and its own researchers are finding out what more customers want from cheque accounts, Midland visits teenagers at home to find out what they want from a bank, while Lloyds has been asking people to state which model of car they identify with which bank.

While some of the questions may seem a little frivolous, there is a serious reason for finding out more about cus-tomers' attitudes. And it is not only to accurately target them for new investment products.

For every customer who writes and complains to a bank, there are 16 equally unhappy customers who will each disaffect a further 26 people, according to US re-search, which is quoted by the Banking Information Service,

A BIS official said: "Banks re, therefore, concerned to find out what might be upsetting their customers and putting it right before the ripple effect gets to them."

At Midland Bank, Mr Kevin Gavaghan said: "We have to ask people what they want and how the service can be changed or improved to suit them as they do not tell us.

nearly 20 per cent of people had not visited their bank in the previous month.

Its Livecash account followed discussions with young people in their homes, "We use people who can talk to the young without being patron-izing and find out what they really want. It is still the case that 70 per cent of bank customers remain with their first bank."

Last year, the bank's share of the youth market increased by 10 per cent and it opened 300,000 Livecash accounts.

National Westminater has commissioned research on attitudes to the Budget, which until it is too late." He said Mr Kevin Jennings, the directivity products that First Direct, the tele-tor of retail banking services at even if they cost more, carries

phone banking subsidiary of NatWest, said that it wants to out awareness research and Midland, was the result of know how the public has tries to evaluate the general research which showed that received the new tax-exempt level of satisfaction amongst received the new tax-exempt accounts which will be launched in January.

> survey on service and image. standing orders had shown up as a "major source of irritation" through this and the bank had improved its checking system as a result.

The Abbey National will next month publish the results of its second personal finance survey. This will analyse how people plan to pay for their

In addition the bank, which revealed last October that on average people carry £19.20 in cash and that three in five will be published next month, people would prefer to buy

tries to evaluate the general level of satisfaction amongst

unched in January.

Saturday afternoon opening
The bank had a folling in selected branches followed research and the reduction of the clearing time for cheques paid into the bank's two current accounts from seven days to four days, which was announced this week, had also cropped up in the regular telephone surveys of current

> "Seven day clearing has been mentioned as a drawback but the biggest single worry is the length of time customers have to wait in branches."

Barclays, which has told its 1.5 million customers that it plans to have information on each of them available through all branches unless

Lloyds Bank said that research had shown that customers opening accounts actually liked filling out

The spokesman said that there were also legislative reasons to collect detailed immeial information.

General market research showed that when customers go into a bank to open an account they feel short changed if they don't have an interview. We ask them if they are married, single, or wid-owed. If they are employed What their income is and whether they already have a

"Customers feel it is a serious thing to open an account and they have a perception that the bank has a right to know what their salary is. We do not only ask customers we are contin researching our staff and their attitudes to the bank and customers," she added.

In addition, general market research is carried out with people being picked at ran-dom and asked questions.

It was one such survey that elicited that the public visualized Lloyds as a Jaguar, Range Rover or even a Rolls-Royce, while they saw Barciays as a Sierra or Cavalier. NatWest had a similar pro-

file as Barclays with a few opting for 2CVs and Midland was also in the Vauxhall and Ford mould with a few GTIs. Lloyds put the results down to the television advertisements. It was using Nigel Havers and Leo McKern, while NatWest was concentrating on younger



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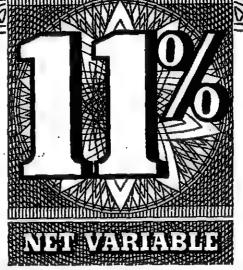
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The gold price rallied strongly last year, but has since slipped back below the \$400 level. It plunged sharply this week on the back of continuing economic uncert-

Despite the sharp falls, Mr Baring said he believed bul-lion had "passed the bottom" and was ready to move ahead. The trust will hold up to 15
The fund manager, Mr Anup and down to follow gold's
per cent in gold bullion — drew Spencer, of Fleming
unlike unit trusts, which canInvestment Trust Managefund, it will not be subject to



Matter of timing: Julian Baring, head of the mining team at broker James Capel

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"We feel that this is a good

penses, is 1 per cent.

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time to bring such a trust into existence," said Mr Spencer. "Gold will always be cyclical, but investors need to have such a vehicle for when the

The offer for subscription in shares in the Gold Investment Trust opens on Wednesday. The minimum investment is £1,000, and charges, including commission, are 3 per cent. The projected yield, after ex-

LETTERS

Pitfalls of direct-debit mandate Dread disease From D.C. Rodliffe

Sir, Your interesting article on From Dr H. Yarrow the relatively new "dread disease" insurance (March 10, "BNF cover fallout") was spoilt for me by the no-doubt-unintended implication that because several insurers seem to have excluded BNFL employees from cover then so will they all.

Jill Insley may not yet have discovered the 20 or so other insurers who I understand already offer similar policies. Naturally, all will take a prudent view in the early years of marketing a new product. But, as Jill says, some, like well-respected Victory reinsurers, may conclude that people involved in the nuclear fuel industry do not present a

already offers its employees personal accident insurance, life assyrance, and superannuation benefits rated as amongat the best of any industry? Yours faithfully. D.C. RODLIFFE,

Insurance Manager BNFL, British Nuclear Fuels plc, Risley, Warrington,

Sir, It seems to be becoming increasingly common for large organizations to induce, or even direct, their customers to sign a mandate for direct debit which enables these organizations to transfer funds from the customer's account to that of the supplier without any further notice to the

Bearing in mind that a direct-debit mandate is open-ended, the customer is entirely at the mercy of the honesty and integrity of the supplier; and yet, in spite of this, some horrendous errors have occurred, involving the customer

in a great deal of trouble and the club and result in a saving

Furthermore, the attitude of Members who object will be these organizations is often either that of "take it or leave asked to resign, as I have been.
I am old-fashioned enough it" or an insistence on a to believe that clubs exist for surcharge for those unwilling the convenience of their memto tolerate this.

I have recently been in correspondence with the RAC Club, of which I have been a member for 15 years, paying my subscriptions, promptly on demand. The RAC now insist on direct debit; failing which, they will make a surcharge of £25 in fairness to the vast majority." The reason given is that a direct

Readers' letters for publication are welcomed but The Times regrets it cannot give debit will be a convenience to individual replies or advice.

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major problem. Perhaps that is why BNFL Building society interest charge on insurance premiums

Sir, I read the article on the

interest charged by building societies on insurance premiums in The Times (March 3) with great interest as I have a mortgage with the Halifax. eral Accident (Contents Xira). Yours faithfully, Up to last October I had one There is no charge for paying MR A. COLEY, of their Xtracover Plus poli- by instalments with this policy cies but because it was getting but no one would, of course, Rotherham.

through the Halifax with Gen- the information.

so expensive I split up my tell you this. Payment is by policies. The property in- direct debit from my Maxim surance is paid monthly along with my mortgage but the Halifax to clarify the interest contents are now insured rate position. Thank you for

Without issue From Mr J. M. Gray

Sir, Abbey National was, quite rightly, publicly castigated last year for the shortcomings of

the handling of its share issue. Why, then, is it that the incompetence of the administration of the water issue has not been similarly criticized in public?

My wife's original cheque was debited to her bank account on December 13, but since then - in spite of repeated telephone calls and letters to the registrars in Bristol, who blandly state that they have been inundated with complaints - she has received neither certificates nor balance cheque.

She has thus been precluded from either selling her shares or buying additional shares with the balance of her original remittance. Surely 10 weeks, with no

shares and no money, must be a record. Yours truly, J. M. GRAY, Blairlodge, Dundrum,

Co Down

Revenue writes rules for rifts tional personal allowance if she has a child living with her.

THE effects of independent claim the allowance on a taxation on couples who are transitional basis if he is still permanently separated or di-vorced are detailed in a new publication from the Inland Revenue, (writes Lindsay Cook).

Couples should tell their tax office as soon as they decide to live apart, as their tax allowances may be affected.

A married man can claim the married couple's allowance, which replaces the married man's allowance next Friday, only if he is living with his wife at some time during the tax year for which he is claiming the allowance. There is one exception: a married man who separated from his wife before April 6, 1990, can

married and has wholly maintained his wife since the separation by voluntary payments.

The additional personal allowance can be claimed by a parent who is bringing up a child but who cannot claim the married couple's all-

after a child at his or her own expense, and be the natural parent, step-parent or adoptive parent.

In general, in the tax year in which a couple separates the husband can claim the married couple's allowance and Room, West Wing, Somerset the wife can claim the addi-House, London WC2R 1LB.

It answers such questions as: Can I claim for payments to more than one ex-wife or ex-husband? The answer is Yes, but the upper limit on The applicant must look relief in any one tax year remains the same."

Finance Act.

The new publication gives

the rules for tax treatment of

maintenance payments, which

were changed in the 1988

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THE NED SHERRIN COLUMN



y new friend Vaclav Havel more or less dictated the shape of one night since you and I last communed. The evening started with my old friend Alistair Beaton demanding to be taken to the first night of Someone Like You because we share an affection for the producer, Harold Fielding, for whom we lost a record sum on Zieyfeld. Harold's new show owes everything to the evergreen Petula Clark, conceiver, composer and star.

It was a bumpy night, defined by an incident during an emotional climax to Act II. Miss Clark pointed a rifle at her faithless, bigamous husband. He said: "She won't shoot"; but a small voice in the circle pierced the moment: "She

My scheme was to get Alistair to feed me background information (wicked gossip) about the musical, King, which has been having a rocky ride in rehearsal at the Piccadilly Theatre. He is writing additional

The best story so far is that various lynx-eyed born-again lawyers and agents insist on starting their many conferences with devotions, beginning, I assume: "Nothing in this prayer constitutes a

Contract"
Unfortunately, although I tried everything. Alistair's lips were loy-ally sealed. I set off for the Barbican where Terry Hands was pouring for my new friend, Vaclay. This was generous of me because Vaclav, according to one radio com-mentator, "hates loose ends". He looks surprisingly like his own description, "a well-fed piglet", and the naturally intellectual son of an erstwhile millionaire. Our friendship had little chance to develop because Vaciav was about 30ft away and between us and intimacy were the Pinters, Clive James, Jeremy Irons, Arnold Wesker, Ronald Harwood, Neil Kinnock and a few hundred others. I didn't see Tom Stoppard but I wondered how Vaclay balances the Pinter and Stoppard political poles. A common interest in cricket?

However, as everyone else in theatrical London is claiming closeness I don't see why I shouldn't.

Havel and the Czech bouncer



Vaclav certainly knows how to make a short and beguiling speech. He hit home on censorship: "If you wish to see your work in performance it is a good idea to become president first."

LITHUANIA hogs the headlines; but what will happen in Albania—the last Red domino to fall? Who could lead them to glasnost and perestroika? Is there an available descendant of the national hero. George Castriota? Known as "Skandesberg", in 1443 he expelled the ruling Turks. To Byron he was "Iskander" in Childe Harold.

Benevolent leadership has been a problem recently. In 1912 C. B. Fry, the England cricketer, was offered the throne. Prince William of Wied lasted two years. Ahmed Zog, in a record ascent, was PM in 1922. President in 1925, and King Zog the One (and Only) in 1928. In the Thirties Mussolini tried to marry him to an Italian princess. She

plumped for Boris of Bulgaria. Zog finally married a Hungarian, Geraldine, before fleeing Il Duce's troops. Their heir, who is incredibly tall, lives in South Africa with an Australian wife who answers the phone saying: "The King is out. Queen Susan speaking." Recently, the official New Albanian Magazine, the official New Albanian Magazine, an American-born ethnic Albanian, as a "classical beauty... sincere, loving, and devoted to his wife". That was all wide of the mark, but Belushi's brother Jim might be a

candidate.

In the Fry tradition, I recommend an English cricketer poet for king. Why not Tim Rice? One day the phone in the palace in Tirana might be answered by Queen Elaine: "Don't cry for me, dear Albania."

WAITING in the wings at the West End Cares charity concert for Aids, I remembered my first charity gala. While I was at Oxford in the very early Fifties, Greece was smitten by a mammoth earthquake. We did a concert and raised a few quid. I remember Alexander Weymouth behaving badly in the audience and Dame Maggie Smith, then an ASM at the Playhouse, mimicking Joan Greenwood in an excerpt from The Importance. The big gala was in London. We bought gallery tickets (about five shillings), and I went to a reception earlier in the Avenue Road to be thanked for my efforts

by the committee.
Once there I found that I had lost
my puny ticket. Lady Katherine
Brandram (Princess Katherine of
Greece) was the officiating royal.
"Well, you must sit in my box," she
said kindly, and so I found myself,
on my first visit to Drury Lane,

perched in the royal box:
They really had midnight matiness in those days. It started well after 11 and was still going strong at four. Laurence Olivier spoke a prologue by Christopher Fry. Some colourful Brazilians danced, and I recall Christopher Hewitt doing that revue sketch about Sir Christopher Wren — something like, "Hush, hush, if anyone calls, tell them I'm and I'm designing St Paul's"

out, I'm designing St Paul's".

Lady Katherine and party left around three. I was not going to miss a moment. Alone in the royal box at the end, I heard the national anthem strike up. I stood and basked in the spotlight which swung on to me, to the consternation of my

undergraduate contemporaries in the gods, who were unaware that I was a temporary member of the Greek royal family. The music stopped. I shuffled into my coat. The orchestra played another (un-

familiar) tune.

I peered over the box and saw all the Greeks at attention. Ramrod stiff, I took another call in the spots. Since then, charity galas have always been an anticlimax.

MY NEW friends Glenn and Mel were separated from me by only one table at the 62nd Oscar awards British bash at the Ritz. I thought Ms Close and Mr Gibson were both looking good and not at all like the mother and son they are about to play in Zeffirelli's Hamlet. Anyway, at my table I had Rula Lenska, Helena Bonham-Carter and Emily Lloyd, so I didn't miss congress with Mel and Glenn.

LAST week I congratulated the Duchess of Devonshire (and the Duke) on their fortieth year together in the ermine. Intrigued, I have cast a curious eye over other ducal families. My goodness, they have a good run for their money. When he died in 1984, the tenth Duke of Beaufort had worn his coronet for 60 years, pipping the ninth Duke of Richmond and Gordon by only six years. The recently departed Dukes of Newcastle and Northumberland.

clocked up 48 years apiece.

The clear front-runner now is the tenth Duke of Rutland, who celebrates his half-century at Belvoir this year, trailed somewhat by His Grace of Bedford, 37, with the fearsome Scottish ario of Montrose, Atholi and Fife edging up at 36, 33 and 31 years of dukedom. I'm numbed when I ponder researching the life expectancy of dowagers.

LIBBY PURVES

If I were...

off after the excitement of becoming the prospective Labour candidate for Hampstead and Highgate. With the polls showing every likelihood o my winning a seat in Parliament by 1992, nothing would be growing colder than my feet.

I am, after all, no fool; the differences between acting and being an MP are perfectly obvious to me, and not entirely welcome. I can just about face the job itself, although after years nourished by the disciplined energy and talent of theatrical work, I may well find it hard not to scream with frustration after a few hours in the waffling, bickering, backbiting atmosphere of Committees or during a late-night filibuster in the House. When I take constituency surgeries, I shall not find it easy to admit to myself, after a life of successes, that almost everything I try to do for my electors will fail on some point of bureaucracy.

I reflect that there will be many psychological adjustments to make in giving up acting for politics. One grows accustomed, for one thing, to being liked. Famous actors and actresses are, by and large, loved and feted by the ordinary, decent public, but famous MPs are not. The only ones I can think of who have ever approached the level of real affection achieved by veteran actors are Jack Ashley and the late David Penhaligon. All the others enjoy a nervy, neurotic popularity among their own parties and constituents, and are heartily disliked by the other half of the

I am a woman of taste and discernment and Brith h politics, I realize, is a down-market business. I first sa /

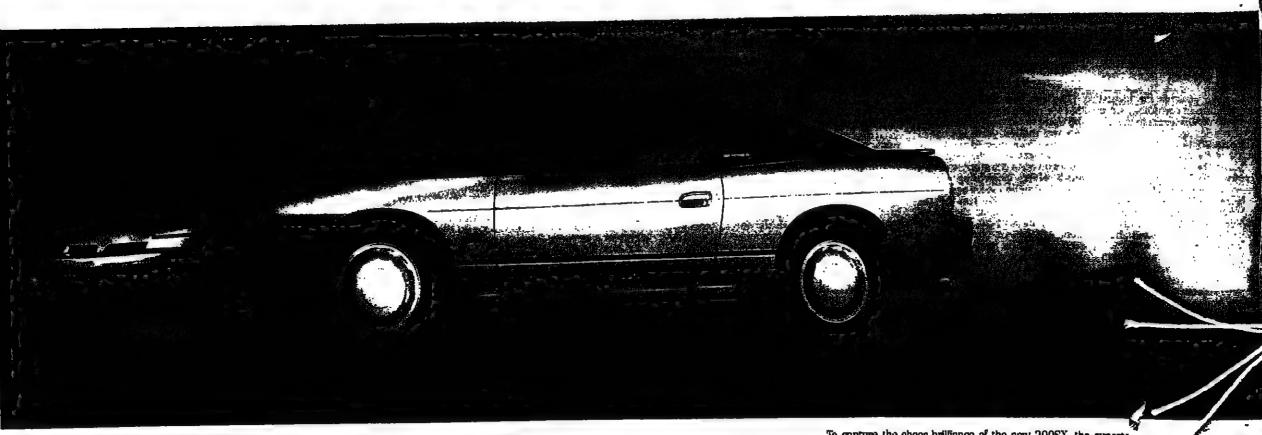


Glenda Jackson

this when Neil made me present a bunch of red roses to the candidate Ms Deirdre Wood during the Greenwich by-election campaign: I said to her "I think it's a bit naff", but the party wasn't pleased. I remember with sinking heart how Roy Jenkins, another man with a touch of class, was forced to do Alliance Party broadcasts in the sort of soft-focus woodland setting usually associated with advertisements for lavatory paper. I wonder grimly what the party has in store, for

and when I have won, I must try to be parliamentary, and keep the rules, and bite back my instinct to make wisecracks like this week's one about the House of Commons needing "a really good primary-school teacher to lick it into shape". I must take all these absurd men seriously, and not siggle at all the silk stockings and fancy wigs and Black Rods and people shouting "Hats orf, strangers!" for the Speaker's procession. I must pretend, as a humble new gait, to accept that mooing and shouting "yah, yah" is an essential part of British democracy. I must make allowances. I am, after all, moving from professional theatre to amateur.

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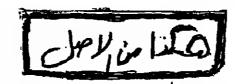
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Spyglass on Creation

time in man's life on Earth, the human eye may see images of light from the Creation. n the Hubble space tele-

is launched from Cape eral in Florida on April 12, make possible the biggest idvance in cosmology since turned his lenses to the sky enturies ago. multi-billion dollar project.

has battled with physical

ancial adversity for almost rs, should soon repay its ters with answers to some most fundamental quesof existence: when did ing begin, how fast is ing changing, and how Il anything survive? : vast issues have gained popular currency in the o years because of the success of Stephen g's book, A Brief History of

twed readers may soon be closer even to the solution king's hardest problem: is unifying theory, beyond beyond relativity and n mechanics, that explains

re of the universe? it first became a practical ity in the late 1950s, a ent telescope in space has e answer to an astronorayer. At even the highest in observatory on land, an ive atmospheric cloud lies the watcher and his

n the depths of space. the strongest rays get the gaseous blanket, creatpattern of planets, stars niness which make up the night sky. These visible ations, such as the Pole ir and Plough, form only a of the whole picture. ed with the prospects ace, conventional astrons been likened to bird-3 from the bottom of a

ice telescope should see 50 times fainter than that can be seen by even equipment on the ground. kness of the heavens will filled with hitherto unseen f light. That means hith-

harted history. look into the sky today orth, the light from the star, the Sun, is already nutes old. We are seeing it past. At night, when we he next nearest star, the our years old. We see the nore distant past

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In the beginning there was the Big Bang . . . then there was Galileo . . . now there is the Hubble space telescope to

answer man's deepest questions. Peter Stothard explains

The light from the furthest stars that the naked eye can see reflects the world in that part of space as it was two million years ago, when primitive man roamed the Earth. The starlight that the best tele-

scopes on earth can glimpse is very

much older, originating up to around 10 billion years ago. But, through the lens of the Hubble telescope, in the newly visible fullness of space, astronomers will see in unprecedented detail almost the last step of the way to time's beginning. The light from those furthest stars will have come from the most ancient sources in the universe, from matter that existed at about the

time of the Big Bang itself. The birthdate of the universe is one of those big unknowns which the Hubble should help to make known, But, according to current estimates, some of the light which should soon land on the telescope's 94.5in mirrored lens began its journey into space 15 billion

It is hard to imagine, but those same light waves, travelling at 186,000 miles per second, were still coming in our direction 10 billion years later, when the Earth that would one day receive them was a mere semi-solid mass of cooling gas. Another five billion years later those ancient rays of light may finally be measured by men who want to know what it was like when their travels began.

This ancient light will soon be refracted, divided, photographed and fought over. There are theoretical problems - and furious scientific arguments — about whether anything visible exists so close to the beginning of time. But Hubble ought to bring us within a million years of the Creation. It should help reveal the origins of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitro-gen, the building blocks of life on Earth, and maybe elsewhere as

The man in charge of this most hubristic inquiry in human history is an American astronomer who originally, like Galileo, came from Italy. Dr Riccardo Giacconi likes the comparison. He is tough, difficult, charismatic, and enjoys the reputation of being a RenaisHe also has many of Galileo's problems. Although with one eye

he may be peering into the greatest mysteries of existence, with his other eye he has to watch for rather more mundane phenomena - his sponsors in the National Aeronatics and Space Administra-tion (Nasa) and the European Space Agency (ESA), the enemies in Congress who would cut his budget, his academic rivals who would dissipate his funds on more reliable but less dramatic schemes.

The Hubble project has already cost \$1.5 billion over a period in which the space budget has come under instensifying political scru-tiny. By the end of its 15-year life the cost could be \$8 billion. Dr Giacconi has been vigorously accused of wanting to dominate the astronomical world, of lavishing money on the unknowable.

The project has suffered lengthy technical delays. Against the wishes of most of its scientists, the politicians made it part of the Shuttle programme. The telescope project, therefore, suffered an almost fatal disaster when Challenger exploded over the Florida skies in January 1986. It still has to surmount its toughest test, a successful launch into the right orbit, a successful unfurling of its British-made solar panels, and a successful switch-on of six highly sensitive instruments.

But it has survived so far. A tool of pure astronomical research connected to Star Wars, grav-

'Conventional astronomy has been likened to bird-watching from the bottom of a lake'

ity-free crystal manufacture or the dust-free perfection of drugs - has made it to the launch pad. With luck, a winged silver tube, 12 tons in weight and the size of a large railway carriage, will soon be outside the earth's atmosphere, orbiting at a height of 380 miles, unravelling the secrets of time.

The Hubble project is the latest phase in a fast-moving story. Anything you really want to know about the universe we have found out in the last 50 or so years," Dr Giacconi says. "If you want to know how big it is and how old, we started learning that in 1930."

That was the heyday of the man after whom the space telescope is named. Today Edwin Hubble is by no means famous, not even in his native America. But he has good claim to be remembered as one of the most remarkable men of the century, a worthy successor to Copernicus, Galileo, Kepler, New-

ton and Einstein. He was not a popular figure. He had a reputation among his colleagues as a pompous Anglophile who aped the manners of the British upper class. Like many great thinkers, he was also a reluctant specialist. As a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, he was a skilled boxer whom a promoter is said to have wanted to train for the heavyweight championship of the world. Instead, he chose to study jurisprudence, and became briefly

a high-school Spanish teacher. He began his astronomical career, aged 25, in 1914, and by 1929 had advanced two enor-mously influential scientific discoveries. The first was that our own galaxy was not the only galaxy, the second, that all the galaxies in the universe — we now can see some hundred thousand million of them - were moving away from one another.

These truths had escaped the minds of his predecessors. Modern science, while abandoning Aristotle's view that all heavenly bodies moved round the Earth. had not given up the ancient idea that the world was a static, unchanging thing. Even Einstein had initially amended his general theory of relativity to make it fit with the idea of a static universe.

Hubble used the world's then best telescopes to prove that this was not the case. By carefully measuring the distance beween stars and the changes in their colour, he discovered that the stars of the more distant, older galaxies were moving away from each other faster than those that were

closer. The universe was expanding. Its expansion was also gradually slowing down. Hubble became the father of the Big Bang, the now dominant theory of how the universe began. It would be fitting then if the Hubble space telescope should tell us when the Big Bang happened. And if God is thought to have created the world at that moment, the telescope will put the first proper dateline on the Book of Genesis.

In the space telescope head-quarters itself, on the edge of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, the atmosphere is curiously down-to-earth in comparison to these astonishing

r Giacconi's enthusiastic public relations men are working hard to focus the world's attention on the vastness of their leader's conception. But others, including the respected British leader on the project, 42-year-old Dr Chris Blades from Birkenhead, have more simple

Dr Blades, whose responsibil-ities include the special telephonebox-sized cameras, has to ensure that technical specifications are met. He is hopeful that the Hubble will clarify various problems within the solar system or find a black hole in a nearby galaxy. "We do occasionally think about the really big picture," he says, "but if you think about it too much, you'll go mad."

Historians sometimes divide astronomers into "builders" and "architects". The architects are like Einstein and Copernicus, discerning the truth out of mathematics and dreams. The builders are all the more numerous astronomical observers who try to fit the facts into the architecture. "It is better day-today to be a builder," Dr Blades says. There are certainly some builders who think they are architects. But we all have our dreams of Nobel prizes."

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Arriving in the Falkland Islands after an 18-hour flight that only sees land once that's Ascension island, a vol-

canic blob in the Atlantic - it is customary for the more waggish RAF cabin crew on board the wide bodied TriStar jet, which makes the trip twice a week, to announce "You should now put back your watches three hours and

It's not just the fact that these islands - East and West Falklands and more than 100 others of various shapes and sizes - are 8,000 miles away in the middle of an ocean that gives the impression of isolation from the rest of the world. Once you have landed —
and extricated yourself from the
embrace of all the military paraphemalia which absorbs huge
chunks of land around Mount Pleasant airport - meeting the natives is a bit like going back a couple of decades,

Not that you would expect to find Port Stanley, the capital, overrun with BMWs. Nor, with the climate here, would you anticipate running into asyone who could be described as fashionably described. But that exide the ably dressed. But, that aside, the Falklands way of life was moulded a long time ago and has hardly

Nevertheless, in the eight years since the Argentinians were van-quished and sent packing after seriously disturbing the peace for 74 days following the invasion on April 2, 1982, the inhabitants have had to acknowledge that, in many ways, their islands have been transformed. The pace of life is still slow, but renewed interest in the Falklands from the outside world has brought financial gains and some unwelcome ado effects.

Their attitude towards the Argentizians has not changed, however, While relations between London and Buenos Aires have improved significantly, the islanders remain hostile. They need to be reassured that Britain will continue to protect them - even more so from today, with the lifting of the 150-mile protection zone around the Falklands. Recently an Argentinian yachtsman in difficulties sought permission

Michael Evans

reports on the changes afoot in the Falklands, the islands that time

is just beginning. to remember

to land at Port Stanley to carry out repairs. He was not allowed to go ashore and no one would have welcomed him had he done so. Now the islanders are worried that the removal of the protection zone will enable Argentinians in similar situations to walk the streets of Port Stanley.

Tricia Card, a 22-year-old "rousie" (someone who works with the sheep shearers, piling up the wool into bundles), has a commonly held view of the Argentinians, "We don't want them back," she said. "We don't want anything to do with them. We don't even want them to come and visit the cometery [for the Argentinian soldiers killed in the war], although I suppose that's all right, as long as they don't stay long." The cemetery is not far from Goose Green, hidden in the hills so that it cannot be seen from. any of the houses.



mixture of visitors: Russians, Poles, Taiwan-Bulgarians, Japanese. They generally come ashore, about 50 at a time, in little groups, and wander round Stanley for a few hours to stretch their legs before leaving. These are the fishermen who come to the South Atlantic to scoop up the squid, hake and whiting and hand over large sums of money for the privilege. Fish, not sheep, are now the Falldand's biggest money-

earner. More than 70 per cent (£27 million) of the Falklands' esti-

mated revenue of £39.5 million

for the current financial year will come from fishing licences.

There are about 180 vessels fishing at any one time with 250 licences, each costing from £10,000 to £250,000. There are only three British boats among them. The fish are so abundant that it's possible to recoup the cost of a £250,000 licence in one week. The average daily take is between 50 and 60 tons. But Port Stanley gives no impression of being a

William Fullerton, the academic-looking governor, sitting in his comfortably old-fashioned sitting-room at Government House, explains why. Dismissing a report that the Falklands was now, man for man, the richest country in the western hemisphere, he says: "This place is not rolling in money. We've got a £56-million infrastructure programme going on at the moment, just to get us up to acceptable standards."

The extra revenue has meant improved electricity and water supplies and a decent telephone system. Several entrepreneurs have also made their fortunes by supplying provisions for the fishermen, who never stay long in Stanley. A quick walk round West Store to buy souvenirs, a drink in one of the four hostelries — the Upland Goose, Globe, Victory or Rose and Crown — and they are off, back to making money in their stake-out in the South Atlantic. Since there are about 4,000 of them, it's fortunate they do not all turn up at the same time. Stanley could not cope.

If there's no fish boom in the town, what about an oil boom? Although experts say there could be oil around the Falklands, no one is certain, Mr Fullerton says, Some of the islanders believe it could damage their way of life, although a few were reassured after visiting the Shetlands to see how they are coping with their oil

A few hundred yards up from Government House, along the waterfront, Superintendent Bill Greenland, ex-military police major and, since February 1985, chief of police, has other reasons for not being enthusiastic about oilhungry visitors flocking to the South Atlantic. He and his team of 13 men and three women are already faced with a high delin-quency rate among the local populace, and the foreign fisher-

men have been known to cause

Despite his onerous duties, Mr Greenland never stops smiling. Crime figures have leapt from 42 recorded offences in 1984 to about 380 last year, "But there is no organized crime," he says. "There are no professional criminals in the Falkland Islands. We get a lot of motoring offences, and we've also had two quite serious bur-glaries. Last year jewellery and watches worth £8,000 were stolen

from a gift shop."

The 42-year-old superintendent from Stafford likes his job so much that he has parted with his family. His wife Elizabeth, a graduate, has returned to Britain with their three children because she wanted a fulfilling job. Mr Greenland gets leave once a year. facing the Falklands is the housing shortage. People are so desperate for a place of their own that surplus Army Portakabins, com-

plete with lavatories and showers, are sold off every year at an open day in July and are snapped up by the islanders at prices ranging from £25 to £500. Some are used

Others buy

ready-made kit homes from 31 MAR 1990 Chile. You can purchase a quarter of an acre of land for about £2,000, get a kit house for £14,000, spend another £2,000 erecting it. and have a home of your own. The trouble is that this sort of building initiative is likely to be banned soon, following the arrival in the Falkiands last November of Roy Carryer from the Shetlands. He

has been appointed the islands' first planning officer and is drawing up building regulations, which will ensure that all houses are properly insulated and protected from the bad weather. The most expensive houses sell for about £100,000. The only people who can afford these are

ment officials, of whom there are about 300, including postal officers, engineers and admin-istrators. Most of the professional staff, such as doctors and dentists, and 70 per cent of the teachers, are recruited from Britain. So, too, are the attorney-general, finance sec-retary, chief executive and Crown

A number of new homes are appearing on the outskirts of Stanley, but the rate of construction is slow because all the materials have to be shipped from

Accommodation is so limited for the American and German tourists who arrive by cruise ship from Chile, on their way to or from the Antarctic to photograph the wildlife - penguins, elephant seals, albatrosses, sea lions - that they have to est and sleep on board their vessels.

The hotels can only cope with those tourists who fly in on the RAF TriStar jets from Britain. The Upland Goose, which charges about £30 a night for bed and

breakfast, has only one rival, the Malvina Hotel; both are in Stanley. The latter used to be called Malvina House, but was renamed Harrier House in honour of the RAF pilots who used to frequent it after the 1982 conflict. The owners were also worried that British servicemen would not appreciate the old name, because it sounded like the Malvinas - Argentina's name for the Falklands. However, Malvina is a common girl's name in the Falklands, and the new owners have reverted to the

ROBIN JACQUER

hotel's original name. There are no new hotels, but the local tourist office has drawn up a network of bed and breakfast places dotted around the Falklands, which charge about £18 a. night. There are also special tourist lodges in beauty spots such as Sea Lion Island.

As for the military, they remain tucked away in their unpleasantly. green Mount Pleasant garrison. The servicemen, most of whom come for four months, count off the days until they can return

FARMYARD DIARY

Paul Heiney

Stereo warfare

ON THE first night in our new able early spring sunshine. I farm, war broke out: a wicked skirmish that shook the old stable buildings to their dubious foundations.

On an ordinary farm, you can reasonably assume that if you buy a new tractor, it will stand quite happily with the old ones. The same is not true of carthories.

Our new young horse, named Blue, had arrived in the afternoon and taken his place in the stable with our two old-stagers, Punch and Star. Nothing much happened. After feeding, and with dusk falling, I turned all three into our enclosed horse-yard for the night. That was their cue. There was a mighty roar from the normally docile Star and a buck and a kick from the usually idle Punch, Blue cowered in a corner, I put a heavy they charged and galloped,

kicked and bit. Shaken, I retired to house to find hostilities in the attic. The people who lived here before have only moved across the lane and their poor cat is confused: it thinks it still lives here. Our cats, on the other hand, seem to understand the laws of property

only too well and were serving a violent eviction order. As I lay in my bed that first night there were feline fisticuffs to the right of me, equine anger to the left: stereophonic warfare.

The next morning dawned clear, sunny and bright I nervously went out to the yard, expecting bloody limbs and torn horseflesh and was met by the sight of three horses gently munching their hay like children who could not remember why they fell out in the first place. Relieved,

I took a stroll up the farm, I had always imagined that walking one's own farm would be one of life's great pleasures. but it is not. Like a true artist who only ever sees the faults in his work, I suspect a good farmer sees the weeds before the crop. I didn't have far to look. Pernicious nettles. thistles and docks all sprouted visorously in the unseasoncursed the warm weather, and then silenced myself for sounding too much like a farmer. However, something will have to be done about weeds; impure inorganic thoughts flashed through my mind. But no, this is to be an organic farm and each and every weed will require mains-

taking personal attention. I walked a little further and the ground beneath my feet changed. It was like walking off the beach and on to a motorway hard shoulder. A heavy tractor had clearly driven repeatedly over the same patch of ground and had compressed a reasonable bit of soil into a solid, unworkable lump of land; unworkable that is, by horse.

On such a fine morning, my neighbours were already hard at work. In the distance a tractor and sprayer were zig-JOE WRIGHT Zagging up and down a field

and the taste of chemical borne on an unfortunate breeze was soon on my lips, I dived behind a hedge and thought, His right to spray is incontrovertible but so is mine to farm without chemicals. There will have to be some diplo-

macy across The air of tension that had hung over the farm since the stable-yard fight was broken by the arrival of an encouraging letter from a friend. He quoted the warning to the farmers in Britten's Paul Bun-

yen (libretto, W.H. Auden): "If there isn't a flood, there's If there isn't a frost, there's a

heatwave. If it isn't the insects, it's the You'll how! more than you'll

You'll frown more than you'll smile. You'll cry more than you'll But some people seem to like

Let's get going." Feeling better, I went to harness the horses for the first day's work on my own farm.

MUSEUMS

221b or not 221b?



years it has been assumed that the home was on the site of what is now the Abbey National's base at 225-235.
But, last summer, John Aidiniantz decided to check it by counting the houses up from Oxford Street. The house he came to was not the Abbey National. It was for sale, it fitted descriptions in the stoactly 17 steps up from the street, as mentioned in A Scandal in Bohemia. Built in 1815, it had been empty since bank manager who loaned 1934 and still had the furnish-

ings and gas fittings of a private Victorian lodging. Mr Aidiniantz, a 33-year-

LITTLE AND LARGE

sale (£2,000-£3,000).

George II bachelor's chest, stands out in this furniture

Bonhams, Montpeller Street, Knightsbridge, London SW7 (01-584 9161).

Viewing: tomorrow 2.30-5pm, Mon and Tues 8.45am-7pm, Wed 8.45am-6pm. Sale:

TREASURE TROVE Mixed

with at least two treasures; a privately printed first edition of Lady Chatterley's Lover signed by D. H. Lawrence.

published in Florence of 1928 (£180-£250). And a Girl

Ibum containing

autograph album conta

bag of prints, pictures, watercolours and books



Mystery: did Holmes live at 239 (left) or at 225-235?

found a potential pot of gold: Holmes's "real" 221b, not so fictional perhaps, since Conan Doyle had lived only a few yards away in York Place. fitted descriptions in the sto-ries and Strand magazine £500,000, and he put an drawings, and there were ex- advertisement in Country Life appealing for help from "a titled person". One came forward, put him in touch with a

him the half million.
He persuaded Westminster's planning committee to allow him to make 239, in a old Londoner with an Arme- residential zone, into a munian name, admits that he has seum. Using the 56 short had a mixed career — selling stories and four novels, and videos to Nigerians, dress- then scouring antique shops making, being a property and suction houses, he has

autographs of the Sodies, including the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Dusty Springfield, Adam Faith and Georgie Fame. (180-120). Henry Spencer and Sons, 20 The Square, Retford, Nottinghamshire (0777 708633). Viewing: Tues 10am-3pm. Sale: Wed 11am.

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per, even the violin ("I don't know if it's a Stradivarius, I think Conan Doyle mig have been using a bit of journalistic licence").

The museum is still being developed. Watson's bedroom is being made into an art gallery of Sidney Paget drawings and what would have been Mrs Hudson's rooms on the third floor will become a tea shop where visitors can drink Queen Victoria's favourite brew, Mazzavannos tea.

Mrs Hudson herself will greet guests, as Holmes, of course, retired to the Sumex Downs to raise bees. "If agent for Arabs, a music recreated the study with British Telecom co-operates publisher, a singer's promoter Holmes-style pipes, chemistry we'll be installing a telephone

talk to Mr Holmes directly, Mr Aidiniantz says. It stretches belief, but then, he is the creator of what may be the world's first museum dedicated to someone who never

Staff at the Abbey National at 225-235 have been acting as custodians of the Holmes myth for many years. Tony Harries, its corporate affairs accountant, is Sherlock Holmes's unofficial secretary, handling about 20 enquiries a day. "We don't object to a museum opening down the street, in fact we think it's a good idea. What we object to is him calling it 221b," Mr Harries says. "The Post Office recognizes this as 221b. Anything that comes for the museum, and we get hits and bobs, we forward. To number 239". He takes his role seriously, and is going on a lecture tour of America this summer, talking to some of the 156 Sherlockian societies, or the Baker Street Irregulars, as they like to be known.

According to the Sherlock Holmes Society, burgeoning with 1,400 members and membership now closed, both claimants are wrong. Squad-ron Leader Philip Weller, of the society, says: "Our mem-bers spend weeks poring over maps to establish these things, and in Holmes's time neither of these houses was in Baker Street, they were in what was then Upper Baker Street.

They would have been on the opposite side of the street. and further down on the corner of George Street and Baker Street." But, of course, remember 221b never existed

Simon Tait

EXAIBITIONS

PORTON REVISITED: Archaeology and natural history of a chalk downland ristory of a chalk downland site, the 7,000 protected acres of the Chemical Defence Establishment at Porton Down. Salisbury and South Wilts Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury (0722-332151). Opens today. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Umil June 30.

WOODWERKER: 1,500 lots of woodworking tools. David Stanley Auctions, FUN O' THE FAIR: Hand-Stordon Grange, Osgathorpe, Leicestershire (0530 222320). Sale, Kensington Town Half, Hornton Street, London W8: today 10.30am.

Sectember 2.

rade model roundabouts coinciding with Granthem's mid-Lent fair. Granthem Museum, St Peter's Hill, Granthem (0476 68783), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, April 2-June S.

TO THE BOATS: 2000 armiversary of the lifeboat marked by an exhibition from the first saa recougle to the present day. South Shields Museum, Ocean Road, South Shields (091 456 8740), Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun 2-5pm. Until

LETTERING: Portsmouth Museum Exhibition comes to caffigraphy.
Crafts Council Gallery, 12
Waterloo Place. London SWI
(01-930 8411). Tues-Set
10em-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Until

OUTINGS

THE sixth International Clowns Convention takes place this weekend in Bognor Regis. Clowns from all over Europe, including national stars such as Rubon and Mike from Sweden, Roberto Basta from Switzerland and Pipo from West Germany, will attend. And two Russian clowns — Mimichtichy (the crying minic) and Vladimir Olshansky - will visit for the first tin

The convention gets larger every year, and next year the UE will host the first world convention to be held outside the United States. It started 45 years ago, when Stan Buit, a clown buff, persuaded three clowns — Coco, Rainbow and Albertini — to form the Circus Clown Club, or III Cs. The event expanded to become the Clowns International Club. Members met in London every year for the Clowns' Service, held in honour of the great Grimaldi. For the past six years, they have also gathered for this convention, which includes workshops and performances for the

You can see them all this weekend in Bognor Regis, with shows taking place in the Big Top and fringe entertainments on the streets. Highlights today include the Grand Parade, which leaves the Big Top at 10.30am, the official opening by Ken Dodd at 11.30am, and a gale show at 7.30pm. Tomorrow the main event is the Magnificent April Fool Show at 3pm. Big Top. Bognor Regis Centre, Bognor Regis, West Sussex (9243 865551). Today, 10mm to midnight, tomorrow 10am to late afternoon. Ticket prices range from £1 for small shows, to £5 adult, £4 child for tonight's gala performance.

I CHING WORKSHOP: To the cognoscenti, the I Ching or book of change — needs no introduction. Jeff Muddle, astrology consultant and teacher, holds a workshop answering questions and showing how to use the book. Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, Covent Garden, London WC2. Today 12.30-2pm.

DAILY MIRROR CHAMPIONS ALL-INTERNATIONAL: Thirteen countries -- including the USSR, Japan, France, China and the US — take part in this one-day event in voluntary exercise for men and women who hold at least one national title. National Exhibition Centre. Birmingham. Today 2pm onwards. Box-office, open 10.30am onwards, (021-780 4141). Tickets 24 and £8.

WILLIAM MORRIS, 1834-1896: From today until mid-summer, visitors to the castle can see a major exhibition arranged by the Victoria and Albert Museum. More than 100 exhibits on display, show the design work of Morris and his

Bodelwyddan Castle, Bodelwyddan, Clwyd, Wales (0745 583539). Umtil June 10. daily except Fridays, 10.30am-5pm, tast admission 4.30pm. Adult 22.75, child £1.50, famity

CARING FOR THE DOWNLANDS: Alan Ferguson, Eastbourne's downland ranger, leads a walk through woods and over downland Meet tomorrow, 10.30am

corner of Paradise Drive and Links Road, Eastbourne. Further information Sue Statt (0323 411688). LEEDS CASTLE SUMMER

SEASON: Open from tomorrow, with several John Shaw major improvements made

during the winter months. Apart from the maze, underground grotto, aviary and excavation of the mili, trees lost in the 1987 storm have been replaced along with shrubs and herbaceous plants. Booking for the summer concerts classical and jazz - also opens tomorrow. Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent (0622 765400). Until October 31, daily 11am — lest admission 5pm. Adult 23.70, child £2.20, family ticket - two adults plus two children - to grounds £11, castle and grounds £14.50. LONDON WATERBUS SERVICE 1990: First day of the waterbus service, which provides boat trips on the Regent's Canal. There is a lot to be seen — iron bridges, vistas of Regent's Park, and the 272yd-long Maida Hill Tunnel. Boats also stop at the zoo. the zoo. Regent's Canal Daily, from either Camden Lock or Little Venice, north London, between 10am and 5pm. petween ruam and opm.
Prices vary depending on
the journey. Example, return
trip Camden Lock to Little
Venice, adult 23.10, child
21.80. Little Venice to London Zoo, Including admission, adult £8.40, child £3.90. Further Information (01-482 2550). WEALD AND DOWNLAND OPEN AIR MUSEUM: Explore the ancient buildings, including the medieval half. Throughout the year, a wide range of rural-based and wide range of rural-based and conservation events take place — from sheepdog trials and heavy horse meets to dawn walks, lectures and demonstrations.

Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton. Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, Chichester, West Sussex (0243 63348). Tomorrow-October 31, daily 11am-5pm. Adult £2.80, child/student. £1.25, family ticket £7.50.

Judy Froshaug

A CHILDHOOD: IRINA RATUSHINSKAYA

'I wasn't the first poet to be arrested, and I'm not the last. I'm just lucky'

hen Irina Rat-ushinskaya was a child she took the willow sap-ling she had been growing in a pot for two years and replanted it in the yard of the apartment building in which she lived in Odessa, in Ukraine. A week later workmen came and, despite her protests, ripped up the willow and concreted the yard. It was her first brush with authority. In one way or another she has

been protesting ever since, a course of action which, in 1983, led to her being sentenced to seven years' hard labour for expressing anti-society views in her poetry.

Stripped of her Soviet citizen-ship, she now lives in London with her husband, Igor, freed after four years because of international pressure, but not exonerated. She was not pardoned, and did not ask for a pardon because she did not consider herself guitty. Officially she is still "a specially dangerous

In person she is probably the least dangerous looking person imaginable. "You have to understand that Russian people take poetry and literature very, very seriously. I was not the first poet to be arrested because of what I wrote and I'm not the last. I'm just the lucky one who survived.

"Poetry is not an art which can be practised without freedom, and when people don't have physical freedom they want spiritual freedom more than

ever. The only window from their cell for many people is poetry. Because of this, a poet is some-body in Russia. And, of course, if a poet is out of control he or she can influence very many people. That's why our poets are sometimes considered very dangerous state criminals."

She was born in 1954 to a professional couple, her mother a teacher of Russian language and literature and her father an engineer. The family lived with a grandmother in a two-roomed flat, When she was 12 a sister was born. She was 20 before her parents had their own room.

From the earliest age she was encouraged to read. "Because of my parents' work, our flat was filled with books, and because my parents didn't have time to educate me, they felt I should read as carly as possible.

'I would say that my relationship with my perents was rather formal. They were always working and didn't have time for long conversations with me. I would have been embarrassed if my father had seen me crying.

You must remember that they had to do things which parents don't do in Britain. For instance, our apartment building did not have central heating for a long time and I would have to accompany my father into the dark basement and hold the candle while he got the coal for our stove. There were rats in the basement and I was frightened, but I had to hold the candle so that it didn't



shake, I could never show fear. My parents always wanted me to be strong and not show my emotions to other people. It was a tradition in our family not to speak too much about what we felt and not to show that we were afraid of pain. It was out of the question that I would cry because of pain, having injections or having my teeth drilled at the dentist. I just had to pretend, from my earliest

childhood, that I felt nothing, Sometimes I would like to have been more close with my parents, but it was their way of bringing up children. And I'm not going to criticize them."

What her parents could not have known was that their way of bringing up children was the perfect mental training for dealing

with the KGB, hunger strikes and

a labour camp. When the KGB

tried to make her cry, they failed. By the time she was at school

she had already met her future

husband, Igor Gerashchenko, the

son of family friends, whose

family went to stay with her's

when she was six. They kept in. touch, rivals as much as friends. In

her autobiography (In The Begin-

ning, Hodder and Stoughton,

£14,95) alternate chapters are

given to his story.
At school she was obviously

bright, but at quite a young age she

became aware of, and critical of,

an indoctrination which was sup-

posed to turn children into in-

inform. Children don't like tell-

tales, but we were all told the story

of the legendary Pavlik Morozov

who had informed on his father,

and we were expected to admire

him." (The father was shot for

bending the collective farm rules

questionable martyr by being axed

From a non-religious home, she

took an early fascination in the

Russian Orthodox religion of her

grandparents, because of the ref-

erences to God in the classroom.

mind was concentrated on the

name of God by my school-

teachers. They were supposed to

be doing the opposite and explain-

ing to us that God didn't exist and

that only silly old ladies believed

I came to God because my

and young Pavlik was made a

to death by the workers.)

"I never knew anyone who did

formers against their parents.

they spoke so much about some-thing which did not exist.
"My first religious experience was when we had to stay behind

after lessons and listen to antireligious propaganda. It was snowing outside and it so seldom snows in Odessa that we all wanted to go out and make snowballs. So I thought: Well, God, if you exist it's because of you we're sitting

here, so why don't you help us?

"Probably it was coincidence, but help came and the snow stayed for three days. I would have come to God sooner or later. It is impossible in our culture to look at art or read classic books without finding God everywhere. It may have been difficult for us to read 20th century foreign novelists, but all the classic books were trans-lated into Russian and I read them. So the Bolsheviks were not so smart in destroying the mem-

ory of God.
"In Soviet society children quickly learnt to keep things to themselves and not to share information. And this information. And this lack of confidence made me lonely. So who can help the lonely child if nobody else does? Only

Living in Odessa on the Black Sea brought her into contact with diverse sections of society, from the intelligentsia to bandits and prostitutes. The mother of a close friend was a prostitute. "I learnt to understand almost all levels of our

society, " she says.
"The only level I by Ray Connolly could not understand was the KGB, I did not feel that they were human." After school she went to university in Odessa to study maths and physics. Education was part of the

family tradition.

Then, at 19, she received instructions to go to the Odessa headquarters of the Komsomol, the Communist Youth League, She assumed they wanted to talk to her about the organization of the KVN (Klub Veselykh i Nakhodchivykh), an inter-university competition of wit and humour. She was wrong. With an unsubtle wink and a nudge, she was really being asked if she would become a prostitute-informer, courting foreign visitors to Odessa. She refused point-blank.

"I was lucky in that I knew enough of what was going on to disobey and not sign anything. If I hadn't known what it meant to be a prostitute-informer, I might have swallowed the hook.

She was not as she feared.

expelled from the university, but a

note was made on her records that she was unreliable. At the end of her third year when the rest of her class went to Poland for a field trip, she was not allowed to go. She considered she had got off lightly. By now her poetry was becoming popular with her friends, who would copy her work and pass it

on. One friend who encouraged her in her poetry became her first love, a Jewish boy who had been given permission to emigrate to

It was, like all classic first loves, doomed to sadness. But before he in Him. But I asked myself why left to take the train to Israel he



gave her a present of an 18thcentury Bible, the Old and the New Testaments, printed in Old Church Slavonic, It took her six weeks to learn to read the ancient alphabet before she could read the Bible. From that moment she

knew that she was a Christian. From university she went into teaching, but found again that she could not accept the political slant which was required even to teach mathematics and physics, and so left and took a job in a laboratory. Still the poetry came. By now she

knew the KGB was aware of her. Then, on her 25th birthday, Igor arrived with a flower to suggest she leave Odessa and move in with him in Kiev. She accepted. Six months later they were mar-

ried. Already known for her

Moscow, where she was known as be arrested. Fifteen months later, "Rhymesmith Irka", a dissident on her 29th birthday, she was circle in Kiev began to open up to

Igor, a like mind and also a Christian, was printing and distributing illegal copies of banned books, while she continued with her poetry. They both knew that it was only a matter of time before the KGB came. In 1979, after a fresh clamp-down on dissidents, they applied to emigrate, but their application was not

even considered. On Human Rights Day, 1981, they were both arrested for the first time, for demonstrating with other dissidents around the statue of Pushkin in Moscow. The sentence was 10 days. But it was

writing in Odessa, Leningrad and no deterrent. Irina had expected to sentenced to seven years' hard labour. Her poetry was now too well-known for the KGB to ignore.

She came to London in 1987, after her "force-pardon". She chose Britain, she says, because while many countries sent invitations through the post, only the British did it through the British Embassy. The others never got through the Soviet postal system.

One day she would like to return to a free Christian Russia, but who can tell, she asks, what Russia will be like in even two years? In the West she has become a heroine. but when asked if she believes her parents are proud of her she does not answer directly. It is difficult to speak to her mother because she does not have a telephone in Odessa. She is very guarded about

Irina began composing poetry before she was able to write. It was one of her favourite games. Now she has less time to write than ever and is struggling to finish a fiveauthor book with her husband and

other dissidents. After her release from the labour camp she wanted only peace and quiet, but life has become increasingly hectic as she has travelled from country to

She was once helped and now she must belp others. "Until the last political prisoner is free I cannot sit down and stare to the sky," she says.

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principle of all matter - may be brought closer by the observations from the

As Professor Hawking suggests, Einstein's general theory of relativity, which describes the vast distances of the universe, and Planck's theorems of quantum mechanics, which predict the movements of the smallest particles, do not fit together when the big is compressed into the small at the beginning of time.

fully to emulate his Renaisstace role model, Galileo, and ettison some of the most the dentary. But that race has funding." mediy started yet.

One reason for the still-The instruments are now design and the computers are publicly funded science. less powerful than many a domestic desktop.

If the Hubble samply fails to work, as much less ambitious projects have done in the past, it could set back the funding of astronomy for a decade.

The astronomers console themselves with the fact that the waning expansionary the reads to the great discov-power of the Big Bang; and eries are rarely anything but that at some point the unirocky. We have stumbled for millenniums from truth to

Greeks in the 3rd century BC knew that the Earth moved round the Sun. Three conturies later their successors thought the opposite - an error which was so commounded by religious and political pressures that it took 1,500 years before Copernicus actumed mankind to the right

path was correct by being so, how nigh.

both builder and architect. He looked through an early telescope and saw the moons circling around Jupiter, indicating that the Earth was not the centre of all things. But he risked persecution and imprisonment in the process.

Some critics of the Hubble project are irritated that the team should give itself such airs, "Galileo's was an act that changed man's whole natural philosophy," says Dr Robert Smith, another Englishman at Johns Hopkins University who is the unofficial historian Dr Gucconi will be hoping of the space telescope. "I am sceptical that they can really do as much as that. It is a pity that they have to make the claims in order to get the

The potential intellectual prizes are truly glittering, howsed excitement among ever. The quest to come close the Hubble scientists is that to the Creation may seem they have been hardened over overweening to scientists who the years by delays and dis- would rather spend the money appointments. There have on something more assured. been difficulties with almost. But it certainly strikes a chord all the equipment on board, with the public - one good particularly with the cameras. reason, in fact, for the American system of having such more than 10 years old in detailed political control over

If anything could cause greater public excitement than the truth about the Creation, it is a true Apocalypse, Some cusmologists believe that the permanent forces of gravity pulling the universe together will one day be greater than verse will reverse its tracks towards the ultra-dense mass from which it exploded. Others think that the expansion will continue forever,

before. The Hubble telescope should help to tell us how much mass there is in the universe, and how much faster the galaxies travelled billions of years ago than they do now. We may thus learn if the end in 1619, Galileo proved that of the universe is nigh, and if

albeit more slowly than

Eternal questions of modern life

19) Whenever I attempt to

park in a tight space, why is

there a gang of youths in

the vicinity with nothing

better to do than chortle?

1) How long can I go on trying to open this plastic vegetable bag before people look at me oddly? In the supermarket queue:
2) Wouldn't I be better off in the next-door queue? 3) Do I have time to run back and get a light bulb? 4) Will everyone else think I've been greedy buying all these croissants? 5) Did I forget to have the carrots weighed, and will I therefore earn the ire of the entire queue as they all wait and wait for the bell to be rung, the sighing assistant to arrive and depart and, 10 minutes later, the exasperated cry of "36 pence" to be heard from a distant corner? 6) Where am I meant to

put the trolley now that I have unloaded the items on to the counter? 7) Was it just me, or did everyone in the supermarket smirk when I moved my hands forward to push the doors that were then to turn out to be fully automatic?

In the clothes show: Why are those young ladies looking at my clothes with lips so pursed? 9) Did I detect laughter as I emerged from the cubicle in those trousers which were, after all, only slightly 100

10) Why does the assistant invariably put his head over the swing doors asking if he can be of any help just as I have pulled my trousers clean off? In the shoe shops 11) Why did the assistant

shy away upon removal of my 12) Now that he is asking me to try walking normally why have I forgotten how? 13) Will they all think it





was me who played "Save Your Kisses For Me" on the iuke-box? ln the street: 14) Will the nice man with the collecting box suspect that I am not really that interested in the shop window on the other side of the

15) Did anvone notice when I nearly tripped over? 16) Did I forget to do up my flies? 17) Was that really me reflected in that window just 18) If so, surely the

window was distorted in

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some way?

20) While we were waiting at the traffic lights, could the people in the neighbouring car detect that I was absentmindedly mouthing along with a version of "Puppet on a String" by the Mike Sammes Singers on Radio 2, or might they have mistaken it for Brahms on Rudio 3? At the petrol station: 21) Why have I parked on the wrong side of the pump for the tank, and how do I act naturally while reparking, thus forestalling the contempt of my fellow motorists? 22) Dare I ask him to check the oil and water, and, if he mentions a word like "carburettor", will he guess from my equivocal response that I have no idea what it does or where it is? 23) Will the petrol start

24) When I reach for the fully leaded petrol pump, will the other drivers, more ecologically sound than I, all turn and hurl abuse at me? 25) What on earth made me buy that fluffy pink teddy (£2,95), a tuna and cucumber sandwich (95p), and a cut-price cassette of Me and You and a Dog Named Boo and Other Greatest Hits by Lobo (only £3.99) from the garage

pumping before the nozzle is

in the tank, flooding the

forecourt and bursting into

shop? On the train: 26) Will the next person who comes into this loo think that I created this mess? 27) Why does the oncoming ticket inspector make me feel so nervous

and where on earth did I put that ticket? 28) And why is he now punching that ticket in such a suspicious manner? In the resumment: 29) When ordering the Filet de Veau en Feuilleté et

Jus d'Asperges, do I say the whole thing, do I mumble: "Veau, please", or do I flunk it and just say, "And I'll have the veal"? 30) How can I manage to keep up this expression of marvellment while they continue to flambé my steak? 31) Did I forget to look thrilled to bits when the

waiter raised the silver

dome?

32) What's 12 per cent of 33) While the waiter is reciting the dishes of the day, and I am nodding my head in assiduous contemplation, will he guess that I lost track five dishes ago and so will undoubtedly be choosing something from the written menu, making all

his effort superfluous? In the bank: 34) Why does my signature never look like my 35) Surely they haven't asked me to wait a minute so

as to place me at my ease while they call the police? At the buirdresser: 36) Why do they always look so standoffish when they ask me where I last had it

37) Why couldn't I think up any reply when he said, 'Call this summer!" At the gentleman's club: 38) Was that grunt directed at me? 39) How many times can I ring the bell for service before it appears rude, and what do I do then? 40) Are they just pretending that they haven't

yet seen through me?

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EATING OUT

Don't be guided by Michelin stars, Jonathan Meades says, unless you want to sample the work of a Roux protégé

Seeing stars with the Michelin Man

t's not true that in order to get a Michelin star you have to perform on a casting couch with the Michelin Man. It's obviously not true - there is, for a start, no casting couch large enough and, besides, the Michelin Man is not that sort of guy - his appetites may be gross, but he likes his flesh cooked, sauced and presented under a dome. No, what you have to do to get a Michelin star in this country is to be called Roux. Failing that you can always work for someone called Roux and then set up shop paying mimetic homage to this or that Roux. Then the Michelin Man will tiptoe to your room and sprinkle stardust. Of course, anyone who subscribes to the Lottery Theory of Life will pooh-pooh this notion and suggest that the Michelin Man does nothing

more than pick names out of a hat, Either way, it's hardly worth getting worked up about the rather rum results. This year Fatso has constellated Les Alouettes. I had not heard of this establishment before it was thus drawn to my notice. Nor had I been to Claygate, Esher, yes. Claremont, yes. Claypate, no. William Kent worked at Esher, Vanbrugh and Patrick Gwynne at Claremont - which makes this an architecturally fecund day out from The Smoke, A night out suggests that Claygate is the disadvantaged or challenged nearneighbour; but, none the less, like most places in Surrey there's a bit to look at. The bit round the tiny green, for instance, is a typically pleasing slice of outer-suburban self delusion: it pretends to rusticity, villasehood, yokeldom. It possess the beguiling and quintessentially Surrey quality of looking like an England created on an Ealing backlot circa 1949. In that retrospective dream, the site of Les Alouettes would, no doubt, have been that of a tea-room (Googie Withers as the Dangerous Waitress, Miles Malleson as the Vicar who's a cake

buff). But the world has changed; we have (mercifully) abandoned cake culture, we have got cooking (to an extent). We have got it to the extent that even the classic French guide acknowledges it. Big deal. Les Alouettes is OK, but the proposition that it's among the 30 "best" restaurants in Britain is to be taken

lightly. It is, of course, immodest to make this point — but the fact is that about 12 times as many people will read this column as will buy the Michelin guide, a fact that should be a reassurance to customers and a solace to the scores of restaurants that Michelin overlooks or fails to understand or marks down because they are not colleague-friendly. Fatboy does minimal harm, is only taken seriously because of his French paternity ... Dunlop, Goodyear, the London Rubber Company? Their gastronomic pronouncements are doubtless fascinating, but no one leaps about on hearing them. My advice is - but then it would be bound to be - trust

the one you're spreading your breakfast over at this very moment.

es Alouettes is a respectable joint for business-men, for the colleague who has just climbed the ladder from his Carlton to his Senator, whose self-esteem is bolstered by deferential service - and service does not come much more deferential than at Les Alouettes, However, the attentiveness is at least amiable. But it is a bore to have your wine shoved in a bucket halfway across the room, it is a bore to be interrupted by a bottle-bearing hand each time you take the merest sip - the waiters act as if they're on commission and their easerness to push you on to a second bottle is transparent. Still, this is what M Michelin wants, he looks like a two-bottle man. We drank an acceptable grand cru Riesling and succumbed to the salesmanship to the extent of taking port with the cheese. The cheese comes from Olivier in Boulogne and is commendable. It is served in the English manner with cream crackers, water biscuits, etc; this digression from French custom may or may not be an admission that the

LES ALQUETTES 7 High Street, Claygate, Esher (0372 64882) **** £100. Major cards. Lunch Mon to Fri, dinner Mon to Sat. WAREHOUSE

No stars Poole Quay, Poole, Dorset (0202 577238) £80. Major cards. Lunch Mon to Fri, bread is dismal. Otherwise the place's Frenchness is inviolate. Which is just how M Michelin likes things to be.

The chef did indeed work for a Roux brother — Michel, the patron of the Waterside Inn at Bray — and it's from him that he picked up the practice of using banana as a vegetable, serving it with beef. That strikes me as belonging to dated novelty cooking and is, thankfully, atypical of Les Alouettes' repertoire which is generally characterized by caution; if there is such a thing as middle-of-the-road cooking, then it is to be found here. High competence and technical skill are abundant, but they are not allied to any obvious desire to excite the

The preoccupation with eliminat-ing rough edges means that certain dishes are wanly flavoured, a bit lacking in guts. And then there is the tation - predictably there is an awful lot of it potatoes are carved to look like tiny ceps, aircady siender stalks of asparagus or sprue are cut along their length; perfectly rectilinear batons of carrot and. maybe, turnip (impossible to tell, it was flavouriess) decorate a dish of similarly flavourless scallops and langoustines. Does the Michelin Man eat with his eyes? He may not look that way, I agree, but the evidence of this place is that he does. Which is not to say that much of the cooking doesn't taste good it does, in an unremarkable way. Brill and mullet are, like most of the dishes, done with a buttery sauce; salmon is roasted and served with a well-made tomato and sorrel sauce; the vegetables include beetroot, carrot purie and boiled potatoes in a vinegar-butter sauce. Two items rose above the mean standard; a very intense asparagus mousse with another buttery sauce and a Cat-alan-style crème brûlée with prunes in it. The latter number was particularly fine.

Les Alouettes occupies a half-heartedly half-timbered Edwardian building of little distinction. Inside, it has been done out in a manner appropriate to its cooking - "tasteful", discreetly opulent, aspirantly classy. There are many hectares of curtain and table-cloth. The tables are well speced. The lights are low. The prices are high; two will pay at



And so to Poole. On the way there I was estemated to spot M Michelin. sleeping rough under agricultural polythene beside a breeze-block piggery. How he has fallen. Sur-rounded by the cylinder block of a defunct tractor and a pyramidal pile of asbestos tiles, he could easily have been taken for a load of old tyres. With hindsight I rather wish that I, too, had kipped down under the stars: the Warehouse on Poole Quay provided me with one of the most memorably inept dinners I've eaten for some time. The place has a lot going for it - it's a handsomely executed conversion of early 19thcentury premises; it is situated on the quay overlooking the busy harbour, the staff is willing and

friendly Not all the cooking was dire, but most of it had tendencies in that direction. This, admittedly, is not signalled by the cruditis, aioli, decent olives and prawns on the bar. Their promise is of straightforward, fresh, robust dishes. They are deceivers. The chef appears to have been struck by a dose of cuisine-imagination. He's probably the victim of a catering college. Dishes are pre-prepared, incompetently reheated. "Warm" oysters with rubbery pasta and a creamy sauce arrived cold on a hot plate - they were, thus, not warm oysters. When they were served for the second time they were warm; this cavalier use of (probably) a microwave oven strikes me as being potentially unsafe - but not, as it transpired, as ungafe as the many shards of oyster shell hidden in the pasts. Nor, for that matter, as unsafe as a lobste mousse which tasted of Brobat, i.e., of the ammonia that is released when crustaoms shalls are boiled for several hours. This disgusting dish was returned and was, quite properly, not charged for. A fish soup was terrible, too - an ochrous farrago of scales, bone and pepper Dover sole was merely not as fresh as one might wish - fillets of the fish were fancily curied like a Forties hair-do or a Viennese losf. A smoked salmon soufflé was cleverty baked in filo pastry, but had no flavour of the specified fish; rather, it was sour and overpeppered. So might I go on. The puddings are not entirely bad. I ate a creme brûlée with an industrial strength crost the waiter said: "The chef's only finished cooking those off today."
Presumably he had "cooked off the other puds during the previous week. This same waiter removed a finger bowl, saying "Thar'll go in the stockpot." I believed him. The management was effusively apologetic about the mishaps. The wines are not greedily priced, the atmosphere is congenial. But take your own food. If you risk the house's you'll pay about £60 for

Stars - up to a maximum of 10 - are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices two for a tires-course mest for two. They include an aperitif and modest wire in the case of French places, sea in the case of oriental ones and so on. Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed — they are given only as an indication of the accept no reasonability for accept no responsibility for disappointments and claim credit for happy surprises. Always phone first LLE.

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13 Heddon Street, London W1
(01-439 2004)

市水水水 The service is frightful — loudsh, off-hand, umbelieveldly sluggish. The cooling is good: see food boulitor; a splendid dail of black beens; a vindatoo which has nothing but drost-ripping properties in common with the usual dish of that name; cirra with chickpess; tendoor fish. The cocktails are to be avoided. With beer or less!, £50,

Great Nepalese 48 Eversholt Street, London NW1 (01-388 8737/5935) 小W1 (の なかままた)
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The cooling is of exceptional
quality: barbecued lamb with garlic
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117 Tottenham Court Road. London W1 (01-387 4570) **** Vanguard of new wave Ind cookery — good quality ingredient "clean" tastes, herbs as much in evidence as spices. Fine king prawn masals and char-grilled chicken, well marinsted meats. 23

HAMPSTEAD

Carapace 118 Heath Street, London NW3 (01-435 8000)

大大大 French set menu place of a transm set menu peace of a utandard far superior to the majority of its fund. The service is less than smooth and the premises too small. Some of the cooking is good — notably beef ribs; puddings such as pear turt and an unifically sounding sorbet of lemon and paralley. Everything comes in gargantum portions. 250.

83 Hampsteed High Street, London NW3 (01-794 7863/7864)

Europeanized Chinese cooking very high prices and very tiny portions. But the cooking is acmetimes quite inventive and acrimentes ques investes en en invariably well-acacuted — bees with tangerine peel and soy, ecaliops with ginger, deep-fried pork crecking, raw salmon and scallops with an odd sauce of soy and English mustard. About 250 to 280, much more if you drink. Kenny's
70 Heath Street, London NW3
(01-435 8972)
** Cajun restmirant with loud cajun music. Good cocktaile, good beers, and some good cocktag. Most delies taste pretty much the same, Le., hot and aggressive. 280.

7 Pond Street 7 Pond Street, London NW3 (01-435 1541) ****

A CATATA
A comfortable besement with a decent feet to it. The cooking lurches both in sources and standards. The Scottish haddook and potents sooup cated Cullen Stank is a great success, and so is a mostly judged dish of vest with nootles. Sweets any less winsome.

Keets
3e Downshire Hill, London
NWS (01 435 1499/3544)

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Formel and rather tense service;
dining-rooms that are like a stage
est of a library. Subtle and nicely
balanced coolding sleate with a
herb crust and rad wine sauce; bas
fillet with shallots and turnips;
raviolis of celerica and parsley; sole
with a sauce of two caviares. The with a sauce of two caviares. The dishes are of a kind that are now rarely found save in hotels. Decay wine list with no bergains. £80.

SUSSEX

6a Church Street, Old Town, Bexhill-on-See, East Sussex (0424 212193) **** Small and homely restaurant in per of a Weelden house in a pretty street of wasther-boarded buildings. Accomplished and well-judged coolding, amisble service. The menu is very understated.— when it save tumb cassarpie you when it says lamb casserole you get just that, but done with a sureness of souch that is remarked be. Impressive starters, delicious sweets. There's nothing delicious sweets. There's nothin very notable to drink. The prices are most resonable. 235-240.

La Vielle Auberge 27 High Street, Battle, East Sussex (0424 65171) ***

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The cooking is almost, but not quits, holet by its own over-ambtion. Lamb with a text of lamb's lidney and leeks, reviols of crib—both suggest a dealer to do a knie-more than the kitchen le-perhaps

Gerden Réstaurant Getwick Hilton, Getwick Airport, West Sussex (0298

A Histon hotel in the middle of an A report from it was recommended.

The coulding is highly accomplished.

Fresh, thin noodles with sweetness, chicken and bleet, outstanding groups with colories. purter, marvellously pungent Burgundlan cheeses. Interesti wine, including a drinkeble Pio wine, including a crame and light of Alsace. Competent and friendly service — hardly surprisingly it is frequented by authorisingly it is frequented by

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DRINK

"IT COULD have been a hoax. . . but I knew as soon as entered the cellar and took one suiff that we had hit gold." Master of Wine David Molyneux-Berry clearly views his discovery of the tsars' most important Russian imperial wine cellar in much the same manner as Carter viewed Tutankhamun's tomb. However. Tut's treasures did notcome up at auction. On Monday 13,000 bottles of the tsars' liquid gold go on sale at Sotheby's, where they are expected to sell for £30

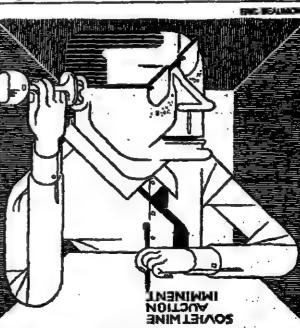
Mr Molyneux-Berry, the head of Sotheby's wine department, first heard about the Massandra collection, as this tsars' cellar is known, 15 years ago. But he had dismissed the ale, and the list of fabled Russian imperial wines and vintages with names such as 1891 Massandra Malaga, 1905 Livadia White Muscat and 1917 Ai-Danil Tokay, as a rumour. After Sotheby's sale of contemporary art held two years ago in Moscow, the Massandra Collection was brought to Mr Molyneux-Berry's attention again - this time by the Soviet Ministry of Agriculture. Clearly the collection was no hoax.

Bowled over by the thought of wines that had been made for the Russian imperial court, not just for the last tsar, Nicolas II, but for his father and grandfather too, Mr Molyneux-Berry paid three visits to the Crimea to study the collection. Even now, little is known about the tsars' cellars and wineries, dotted along the southern Crimean CO28

Mr Molyneux-Berry soon learned that Massandra in the Crimea, just to the north of Yalta and close to the imperial summer palace at Livadia, was the traditional viti- and vinicultural headquarters for that part of Russia. Surprisingly, production continued under Stalin, long after the execution of the imperial

Vineyards, facing the Black Sea and protected by the Crimea mountains to their rear, stretch almost the entire length of the southern Crimean coast. The climate, according to Mr Molyneux-Berry, is not unlike that of the French Riviera, and the vines are irrigated to combat the heat and drought. Today the 22 30

Make a bid for the liquid treasures of imperial Russia, Jane MacQuitty writes



vast, immaculately kept 19th- successful at producing table century Massandra cellars, cawines in the Crimea's warmth, pable of storing three million bottles at a constant tem-perature, with perfect humid-ity due to underground rings, is recognized as the jewel in Tsar Nicolas II's vinous crown. It is, alas, no longer operational as a winery, but the hundreds of staff there and at the five other wineries and four state farms elsewher on the Crimean count still take their orders from Massandra and use its gigantic cellars as a storehouse for their wines. The first winemaker at

Massandra was Golitzin, originally a lawyer, who had been educted at the Sortomne in Paris as well as Moscow. University before moving to the Crimea, where he set up his own wine estate. Un-

he nour the len mastered the "champagne" method, and when the Tsar Nicolas II appointed him as Massandra's maker in the late 1890s he had already won a medal at the 1900 Grand Prix in Paris for his Russian "champagne" The Russian court, and by all accounts the tsars too, were noted for their sweet tooths. and Massandra's winconsiders were sent to the great dessert wine and fortified wine centres of Europe to learn their

Back home in Russia, the same methods were applied to Russian grapes grown in Crimean soil. It is these Runs imperial wines that are on sale at Sotheby's on Monday. Given the various falor wine

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Australia, just Bot New Zeeland, keeps on delivering the goods. This tragram, lemon and time mouthful spring öpple.

e 1977 San Jacopo, Chiardi Chastico, Castali Vicchienaggio, Victoria Wine, 24.59 White, 24.30 This pleasant, fight, yet ripe and fruity Chianti, with its intriguing benenery econt, is not the best, i have tested, No matter, it is good value.

collections of supposedly great. antiquity that have surfaced in recent years, the rest question is whether the Massandra collection is senuine. After extensive testing and prestioning of the Soviets, Mr. Molyneux-Berry is convinced that it is. And, having tasted six of the collection, I think I am too. Perhaps the most important evidence endorsing the Manualdu cellar and its wines, of which the oldest is a. 1775 bottle of Spanish sherry, is that it has been welldocumented : since : its. inception.

Sale until the 1917 revolution, and hidden behind, bricked-up walls in the struggles afterwards, the collection has been moved only once in its life, immediately prior to the Nazis' arrival in 1941, and brought back again when they had gone in 1944. 5 8 147 21

Of the six Massandra wines I tasted, the best by far was the 1905 Livadia White Muscat, whose unusual mint and peppermint scent led on to anmazing, rich, luscious, sweet. minty-grapey taste. I was also: impressed by the 1914-Massandra Malaga, whose deep red-brown hue and vencrable yellow rim had a splendid, concentrated, burnt caramel taste and, again, an extraordinary bouquet, reminiscent of flowers, beeswax, and chemies and plums too;

Less enchanting was the musty 1935 Gursuf Rose Muscat and beef tea-like 1945. South Coast Red Port. Mr-Molyneux-Berry has had better bottles of both and, like all old wines, those in the Massandra collection will vary from bottle to bottle. However, although not in the same league as the older wines, there was no mistaking the class present in the 1936. Cabernet Sauvignon White Port, with its rancid, sherry like style, and the 1931 Ai-Danil Tokay, with its heady, caramelized character.

And why are the Russians

selling this national treasure? Because, like everyone else they need money - in this case, to buy new equipment for Massandra. ● The Massandra Collection

the Massandra Collection's sale takes place on Monday at 10.30am and 2.30pm in the Large Gallery at Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London.

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Final frames in a family album

ext Thursday Sotheby's will auc-tion one of the most fascinating historical finds of the century. The "Sokolov Archives", the documentation of the murder of the Russian Imperial family, were compiled by Nicolai Sokolov, for the White Armies after the capture of Ekaterinburg, the town in the Urals where the Romanovs died. The auction also includes letters, personal belongings and photographs.

There is, however, one extraordinary collec-tion that will not be in this sale.

I came upon it a month or so ago in Tobolsk. Siberia, where Alexander Kerensky, the head of the Russian government after the February Revolution, sent the Tsar and his family in August 1917.

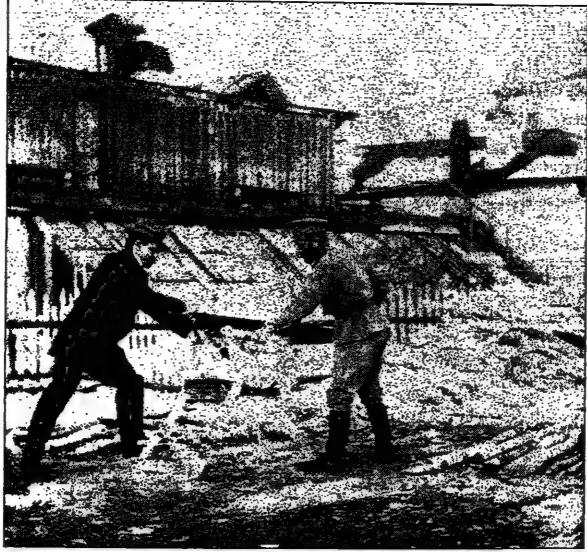
Here the Imperial family was lodged in the former governor's residence, a small mansion with large, airy rooms, and a small park. And if, by comparison with the splendour of the Romanov palaces, their life here was boring and constricted, their first three months in Tobolsk still allowed them comparative freedom and dignity. November, when Bolshevik soldiers were despatched to guard the revolution's most embarrassing prisoners, brought the beginning of real imprisonment, which culminated, in 1918, with the removal of the Tsar, his wife and their daughters, Olga, Tatiana, Maria and Anastasia, and son Alexis to Eksterinburg, where, in July, they were shot.
Today in Tobolsk there is a small museum
in which a minute space is dedicated to the

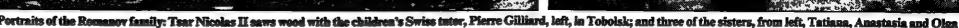
Romanova. "It interests our children," said the young guide. "They love princesses. And the few Americans who have come here on business all ask about the Tsar," I asked if there was anything else. Reluctantly she admitted there was one more item, but it was kept under lock and key "downstairs". What was it? "An album," she said. "It is said to have belonged to one of the guards."

After consultation with the museum director, I was allowed to see the album in a discreet side room, where it was brought, in its box and wrapping, and later photographer Sergey Halzov made copies. It contained a touching record of the Imperial family's last months of hope in their summer palace near St Petersburg and in Tobolsk.

see two of the archduchesses earnestly wheeling a water barrel to the kitchen garden they had planted. We see the same two girls rowing, looking bored: we can almost hear the Empress telling them to get some exercise. Three of the girls stand, in identical white clothes, near a cabbage patch, one of them loosely, even forlornly, holding a little bunch of flowers. Why, one wonders, do they look so tense? The fully grown cabbages indicate the time of year: did they know the moment was close when they would be sent 1,800 miles away from their home? The photographer is the fourth archduchess. Maria, If the album "belonged" to a guard, it was because he stole it before the family was removed from Tobolsk. The warmest, most enchanting picture is of 16-year-old Anastasia playing the tool - as she apparently often did to cheer up the family - with her young brother delighted by her antics. He is carefully putting a toe in the water, while she, laughing into the camera, balances peniously backwards. They are almost symbolically for those of us who know what was to happen to them - on a plank.

Gitta Sereny







Last mouths of hope for the doomed Imperial children: Tatiana, left, and Anastasia go boating; Anastasia entertains Tsarevitch Alexis; Maria, left, and Anastasia wheel a water barrel

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The foolishness of youth

Ithough the Conservative Party has been Agoing through difficulties recently, at the undergraduate level there seem to be many more deep-rooted

insecurities and wornes. In Oxford the Conservative Party split into two parts at the time of the student union elections. The group calling itself the Democratic Conservatives, finally unable to stomach what it saw as the extremism of the official Conservatives, stood for election and trounced its official counterpart in the poll.

In the Young Conservatives membership has fallen from 250,000 in the late 1950s to about 6,000 now. The organization has become discredited because of having what is perceived as a rightwing chauc in control. Polmeal debate at the national student level, within the party, is a joke. At a recent conference in the House of Commons, a discussion on student unions degenerated into & slanging match, with the Tory Reform Group being accused of being Marxist and the Conservative Collegiate Forum of being fascist. Both accusations are equally nonsensical and make student Tory painties look indiculous. Most worrying of all is the

extremem and impracticality of the fringes, which can seem to be the main stream. At a revent joint conference on privatization of the Wessex area Conservative Collegiate Lorum and Young Conservarives - which might reasonprograntors of orthodox Conservative political thought and activity - a number of extraordinary motions were passed which would cause any moderate Tory to blench. The conference voted to privatize money, education, health care and emergency services; apparently, motions to privalue the Army and the courts were only narrowly deteated.

Why have the youthful Tories made such a hash of affairs" In Oxford the cause of trouble is, strangely enough, the success of the Prime Why are the Young Conservatives removed its fanatics. Perhaps it is time the Tories exmaking such a hash of things?



Minister. Her stamp is on the Oxford University Conservative Association because she has been successfully in office for such a long time, making it an organization which is slavishly devoted to her. Any questioning of govably be expected to be the ernment policy is seen as some kind of heresy. Indeed, at one meeting last term, the president of OUCA accused someone of being a Socialist for arguing in favour of voluntary membership of the National Union of Students, because that is not the official party line. It was this narrow-mindedness that led to the divide. Admirers of the Prime Minister had much sympathy for the Democratic Conservatives, not for what they said, but because they had the courage to challenge the view

that it was treacherous to

The problems of the Young Conservatives go much deeper. The great battles that were fought for many years to keep out the "far right" marginalized the whole organization. All the stories of secret bank accounts, cutting off telephones and bugging rooms made the YCs look like retarded prep-school children rather than the nation's future

The CCF, on the other hand, was born to cause trouble. It replaced the notoriously unsavoury Federation of Conservative Students and inherited some of its people. It that they will be stock in there long enough to prevent them well for the future. causing trouble elsewhere.

Neil Kinnock has made the Labour Party take some unpleasant medicine which has purgated their youth move-

ment in the same way. A RECENT survey of 6,000 people aged between 16 and 19 claims to reveal that Britain is not going to have many entrepreneurs. This was deduced partly from the information that only 6 per cent wanted to bear responsibility, and a mere 5 per cent believed they could use their

One of the "experts" analys ing these results commented: Entrepreneurship is not for these youngsters. It is quite depressing that a lot of them are being turned out without much ambition."

This is very much in line with the current fashion that everyone ought to be an entrepreneur with enormous ambition. It shows how foolish fashion is. It only requires a moment's thought to realize what a bad idea it would be if everyone wished to be an

A successful entrepreneur will be an employer rather than an employee. This means that, in a nation of entrepreneurs, either all will be self-employed with no addi-tional staff, or a few will succeed and the majority will be disappointed failures.

As it seems natural to hope that this country will be prosperous and contented, it would be more sensible to desire for it a limited number of ambitious people. If everyone wanted to be an eutrepreneur and succeeded, businesses would be on such a small scale that the nation would not prosper; if all tried and most failed, it would not be content.

Therefore, what is needed is a small number of ambitious people who will provide the jobs and security that the overwhelming majority want. is, in some ways, a play-pen As this is what the survey for the loony right, in the hope seems to indicate, it is not in the least depressing, but bodes

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Lifting the veil from the Arab novel from the fitting celebration

Nessim Dawood on a fitting celebration of the first Arabic Nobel prize-winner

> THE THIEF AND THE DOGS

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ALTHOUGH story-telling has continued to flourish as a popular misses the gentle touches of humart since time immemorial in the Arab world (the tales of The Thousand and One Nights are but an enduring testimony to the inventiveness and craftsmanship of their rude begetters), the Arabic novel, as a polite form of literary expression, did not come into its own until the third decade of this

In awarding the 1988 Nobel Prize for Literature to Naguib Mahfouz, the Swedish Academy of Letters has not only honoured the most

creative and prolific literary fig-ure in the Arab world today, but has also put the Arabic novel itself on the man. Born in Cairo in 1911, Mahfouz has written more than 35 novels, in which he has portrayed, with psychological insight and mericulous attention to detail, the turbulence of the Egyptian scene under the impact of social and pol-

itical change. While influenced by the great novelists of the west, and familiar with their literary techniques, he bas cultivated a style entirely his own; and one of

his considerable achievements is the liberation of Arabic prose fromthe strait-jacket of classical formalbringing it nearer the colloquial language, without offending against the rules of grammar, except in dialogue. To mark this first Arabic laureate. Doubleday has brought out four of Mahfouz's novels in excellent

The Thief and The Dogs deals with the return of a convict, just released from prison, to the harsh society that can offer him no comfort. His wife has remarried. and his little girl rejects him as a total stranger. In this short novel Mahfouz employs stream-ofconsciousness technique; and, in a sense, the translation - written in a vivid and racy English style — is easier to read than the Arabic original. The italic typeface neatly sets the protagonist's internal monologue apart from the other strands in the fabric of the narrative. The pages overflow with

our that grace Mahfouz's other novels

In Wedding Song Mahfouz turns to another form of fiction: the same incidents seen through the eyes of four different characters - members of a rather mediocre theatre company - and how their minds and temperaments perceive, interpret, and react to the situations confronting them. Cunningly constructed like a fine mosaic, this novel is almost a repeat performance of an earlier, and in my

> opinion a much more engaging, novel of Mahfouz - Miramar. and the End is a most powerful and compassionate Dickens-like tale of a lowermiddle-class family - sud-denly bereft of

its bread-winner struggling against desperate odds to make ends meet, to conform to the system, and to preserve respeccosts in the eyes of the world.

Here we have Mahfouz's realism at its best: hardworked, selfless mother, ever worrying about her children's

meagre prospects; the eldest goodfor-nothing, hashish-peddling son; his two younger brothers, anxious to do well at school and consumed by an ambition to secure respectable government jobs for them-selves; and the plain daughter, now a dress-maker, a mere worker", with not a chance in the world to have her hand sought in

Yet there's candour and wit, irony and humour (one of the most hilarious episodes is an account of a public brawl in a down-town coffee shop), and twists and turns galore, which firmly grip the reader's attention. And as the characters proceed headlong to their in-exorable fate, we clearly discern Mahfouz's tragic vision of life. One of the younger sons wonders why he seems to be the only pessimist in the family. Is it he or they who are stupid? Isn't the role the devil plays in this world more effectual than the roles of

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It is a superbly competent and

Palace Walk is volume one of The Cairo Trilogy, which, ever since its publication in 1956, has been widely recognized as Mahfouz's most ambitious work. Very ably rendered into English by William Hutchins and Olive Kenny, this novel pursues the lives of a Muslim Cairene family through the years of the First World War and Egypt's early struggle for

Al-Sayyid Ahmad, a small but well-respected merchant in his late forties, rules over his wife, his three sons, his two daughters, and the rest of his household with awesome

and unquestioned authority. In his own house, he is the epitome of

Obedient and submissive, his (second) wife Amina had married him before she turned 14, and had soon found herself incarcerated in this large mirthless house with its two storeys of specious rooms peopled with demons and jinn, its dusty courtyard, oven-room, and deep well. Every night she would doze for an hour and, by dint of habit, lie awake for the next, until her redoubtable husband returned

Although it has been suggested to her more than once that a man like

Mr Ahmad Abd al-Jawad - so wealthy, strong, and handsome -who stays out night after night must have other allurements in his life, she will never have the courage to speak to him about it, and, even if what people say is true, perhaps that is another characteristic of manly superiority. She thus resigns herself to a life of servitude in a society which forbids a sheltered woman ever to show her face in

ing, the book portrays the inter-action between the sons: the eldest, Yasin, with his burly figure and insatiable lust, Fahmy, the thought-

A masterpiece of character-draw-

up in demonstrations and the struggle of "the freedom-fighters"; Kamal, the enquiring little schoolboy with his propensity for making friends with the British "imperialist" soldiers camped just outside the house; and the daughters: Khadija, with her sharp tongue and prominent nose, and the beautiful and vivacious Aisa.

Like all great writers, Mahfouz combines humour with irony and eathos, and undermines timenonoured judgements and beliefs with subtlety and wit. When, in her husband's absence, she is prevailed upon by her family to venture out of doors, the devout and virtuous

sepulchre of Al-Husayn; on her way, back she is hit by a passing car and suffers a fractured collar-back. "How could this accident happen?".
the little boy asks in astonishmental "after she was blessed with a visition such a holy shrine?"

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And when her implacable the band discovers she has daned to make the visit without his partial mission, he sternly orders her outsig the house. Back at her mother states heart-broken daughter is contributed by the blind old lady: "God in His. compassion has always looked after it you. Remember the plague, many. God never repeat it. God spineds. you and took all your sisters. Hea puzzle is skill harmed you not at all."

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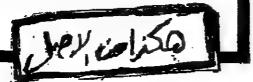
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Deputy Chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi.

Chief of Staff at Conservative Party HQ during the 1987 campaign.

'A political thriller writer with a marvellous inside track knowledge of higher workings of government.'



When we were taking our Dizzy tun At a time when the Tories have been accused of losing their was practical police.

are gathered comfortably together to listen to speeches over the port, they like what they hear to be seasoned with a dash of their own home grown philosophy. This does not, of course, opay, I are coes not, or course, involve dabbling, in the socialist style, with ideal socio-political systems. A party priding itself on its organic growth must rather draw involvent from a love draw inspiration from a long history which does not so much prescribe the shape of the future as reveal the broad principles on which problems are best dealt with.

To capture the imagination. such historical principles re-quire reference to historical figures and preferably to one with a sense of history. For the Tories that figure is Disraeli, the Jew converted to Anism who wrote political novels, dabbled with radical causes after the first Ruferin Act, supported Chartists, achieved prominence as leader of a group of young Tory aristocrats romanucally in-serested in reform, led the eactionary Tory landowners into rebellion against Peel and free trade in corn — and so split his party that it had no parliamentary majority (though it was twice in governing coalitions) for nearly 30

He was the most unlikely eader the Tories ever chose before Mrs Thatcher and he

One of the main effects of

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Soldiers is very much in the

same mould as Hemingway's A Farewell to Arms, it also powerfully influenced Nor-

man Mailer's The Naked and

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John Dos Passos's first mature

gut Jr. looking back at the fire-bombing of

way, Ronald Butt looks at the man who made the signpost of this page came to full power only in his later years. Yet it was he who set the Tories on the road they

have followed ever since, whom they most appeal to in the battle of ideas, and who is the most hypnotically compel-Disraeli is, therefore, rightly given his own volume in the Oxford Past Masters series

which analyses the thoughts of the great figures of the past, sacred and profane, who have conditioned our thinking. Professor John Vincent has done a masterly job in distinguishing the reality from the myth - and in Disraeli's career there was much myth as well as opportunism.

Disraeli's political life did not exactly bulge with success. Even when, at last, he held office with a Tory majority, from 1874 to 1880, he "did nothing in particular and did it moderately well" (as Vincent puts it) for the first three years. Though his government produced social legislation which is often cited, this was (except for the legalization of picketing) hardly groundbreaking. It was permissive rather than compulsory and Disraeli himself played little

Nor did he, for most of the time, excel as a popular poli- fact, the clue to the concept of



DISRAELI By John Vincent Oxford University Press, £4.95

though in the Commons he shone both as performer and parliamentary manager about which Vincent remarks. rather too scathingly: "He kept his party together: the Harold Wilson of Conservatism." What took him to the apex of his political career in the 1874 government was the to appeal to the patriotic consensus by asserting British interests, standing up to the Russians, and winning peace with honour.

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In Three Soldiers, a distant and dimly understood war brings together Chrisfield, a disaffected farm boy from Indiana; Fuselli, a pen pusher with an over-heated sexual imagination; and the apprentice composer Andrews, echoes that of the young Dos Passos, and whose final imagipossibilities and limitations of both individualism and the Dead and Joseph Heller's art and to Life. Under its now rather jaded anti-war rhetoric,

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THREE SOLDIERS By John Dos Passos Penguin £5.99 DESOLATION ANGELS

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Open days in Lisbon

As barbecues come back into the open heralding the arrival of spring,

Frances Bissell recalls her

favourite

Portuguese recipes

he recent balmy weather has brought out the barbecues. A whiff of char-coal immediately transports me to the steep, narrow streets of the Alfama and the Barrio Alta, the old quarters of Lisbon, which face one another on opposite hillsides above the River agus. With the spring, life begins to be lived outdoors again, and that includes cooking over small char-coal braziers. More often than not, fat sardines are grilled as a prelude to lunch or dinner.

Even after 20 years of visiting Lisbon, we still find places new to us in the heart of the city. Off the Rossio, in rua dos Sapateiros, is a beautiful art nouveau case, the Leitaria a Camponeza, decorated with fine azulejos depicting various dairy scenes.

There are marvellous food shops and restaurants here too, but perhaps the best place to buy Portuguese specialities is Celeiro, in a street running parallel to the Rossin, on the right as you face the water. Here we stock up with fine Portuguese extra virgin olive oil, smoked sardines canned in olive oil, prunes and greengages from Elvas, almonds from the Algarve. pine nots and Brazilian arrowroot.

The main "food" street for me, however, is rua Portas de Santo Antao, for its food shops, bars and restamants. Gambrious, an elegant bar-restaurant, is a good place to stop for a glass of chilled white port and a handful of fresh almonds. At the top of the street is the Casa Solar dos Presuntos, one of the Lisbosos' favourite restaurants. The chef, like all good Portuguese chefs, is from "the North". I have been cold. He was taken to Mexico by the Portuguese national football team when they played in the World Cup. Newspaper reports of the gipne were as full of details the player oil the team took with them as their progress in

Today's recipes are ones that it have collected over the years, based on the simple yet immensely tasty dishes we have enjoyed in the small the Alfama. The stuffed squid recipe sounds much more difficult than it is. In fact, it takes me longer to write about it than it does to



actually clean the squid. I have had various versions, too. Sometimes the squid is stuffed with breadcrumbs, sometimes with rice. I prefer the looser texture the rice gives. Ham, garlic, peas, chopped tomatoes, spring onion; all or some of these can be mixed with the rice. What is essential, though, is a really fruity, flavoursome extra virgin olive oil and, if possible, coriander leaves, indispensable if you want to capture the real flavours of

Portugai. The rabbit and red wine recipe is one from the North of Portugal, but since so many good chefs, it seems. are from there, it is not surprising to come across it in Lisbon restaurants. This is the way that lamprey is cooked too, and I have also cooked conger cel in a similar fashion, but you need to give the rice some cooking before you put the fish in the pot.

The cake recipe is the nearest I could get to one served by Adclaide, who cooked a marvellous farmhouse lunch when we visited the Herdade de Esporao, a huge wine and olive estate in the Alentejo, near Reguengos de Monsaraz, where wine has been produced since Phoenician times. We finally tore ourselves away from the charms of the 1987 Esporati, of which the wine-maker Luis Duarte is so proud, to sample Adelaide's cake and ask her about it. "Well, it is an ordinary cake," she told us - butter, eggs, sugar, flour and more butter and sugar for the sauce. It is the richest, sweetest cake I have ever tasted. Everyone asked for seconds.

Having seen fresh sardines at my hmongers this weekend, it was very tempting to go and join the queues of those buying barbecue equipment from the local hardware shop.

Grillied sardines (serve 1 or 2 fish per person) fresh sardines

> extra virgin olive oil 1 lemon sait, pepper

Scale the fish, and gut them if you wish. Brush with olive oil, squeeze on a few drops of lemon juice, and salt and pepper them lightly. Arrange them on a grill, and tuck bay leaves between them. Have the grill hot, and grill the sardines on both sides, turning them carefully, for 10 to 15 minutes in all, depending on the thickness. I like to serve them with olives, rings of raw onion and lemon wedges, or with a tomato salad. Serve with plenty of bread to

Stuffed squid (serves 4 to 5) 16-20 squid, about 4ln/10cm long 3-4tbsp extra virgin olive oll 1 onion, peeled and finely chopped

help down any tiny bones.

3 garlic cloves, crushed 2 ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped

8oz/230g cooked rice %pt dry white wine seasoning

2tbsp fresh corlander leaves or parsley, finely chapped

Clean the sould at the sink. Tip them all into a colander and rinse them. One at a time, holding the body of the squid in one hand, pull the head (the tentacle end) off with the other hand. Cut the tentacles off and set aside. Now deal with the body. Peel off the mottled skin and emove the two triangular flaps. Put these with the tentacles. Feel inside the cavity, and remove the "backbone", which looks like a strip of soft, clear Perspex. Then squeeze the cavity like a tube of toothpaste to remove anything left inside. Rinse and set aside. Continue with the next, and so on, until you have a pile of white pockets waiting to be stuffed. Chop the tentacles and the flaps.

Heat a tablespoon of olive oil in a frying pan, and cook the onion in the oil for a few minutes. Then add the chopped tentacles, flaps and garlic. Stir until the squid becomes opaque. At this point, add the chopped tomatoes, the seasoning, some of the herbs and the cooked rice. Mix in and remove from the heat. Allow to cool. Spoon the rice mixture into the squid, until loosely stuffed. Secure the end with a cocktail stick or toothpick.

Butter or oil a flat ovenproof dish, and arrange the stuffed squid in a single layer. Pour the wine over the squid, and trickle the rest of the olive oil on top. Cover with foil or a butter paper, and bake in the middle of a pre-heated oven, 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4, for about 25 minutes.

Serve, sprinkled with more fresh berbs, straight from the baking dish, with a green salad to accompany it.

Baked rabbit and rice in red winn (serves 6 to 8) 2lb/900g rabbit joints pinch of cinnamon pinch of nutmeg 1 large onion

2thsp extra virgin olive oil 2 rashers smoked streaky bacon 2tbsp port 2tbsp red wine vinegar 1lb/455g rica 1 bottle/750ml good dry red wine

1 bay leaf 1tsp peppercoms 9floz/250ml chicken stock or water Learning processes

Wipe the rabbit joints, lightly

Note: This recipe can also be

Caramel walnut cake 6oz/170g unsaited butter

3 eggs, separated

2tbsp golden syrup

6tbsp full cream milk

1/2/2009 self-raising flour

pinch of salt

for the caremer filling and topping

%lb/340g light muscovado sugar

4-6tbsp single cream

2oz/60g unsalted butter

1/4 lb/110g walnut haives

Butter two 8in/20.5cm sandwich

tins, and line with greaseproof

together until pale and fluffy. Beat

in the egg yolks, one at a time to

prevent them from curdling, sprin-

kle on some of the measured

quantity of flour, and mix it

thoroughly after the addition of

each egg yolk. Mix in the syrup and

milk, and then fold in flour and

sait. Whisk the egg whites to peaks, and then gently fold them into the

cake batter with a metal spoon.

Divide the mixture between the

cake tins and level the surface with

the back of a spoon. Bake in a pre-

heated oven at 180°C/350°F/gas

mark 4 for about 30 to 35 minutes.

Test by inserting a warmed skewer,

which should emerge clean if the

cakes are cooked through. Remove

from the tin and cool on wire racks.

The cakes, when cold, can be stored

in an airtight container and assem-

To make the caramel, put the

three ingredients in a saucepan,

and heat gently until the sugar has

melted. Bring to the boil, stirring

continuously, and boil for seven

minutes. Away from the heat, beat

the caramel to thicken it. Sandwich

the two cakes with some of the

caramel and chopped wainuts.

the top of the cake, and decorate

bled the next day.

with walnut halves.

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AS WITH most skills, cooking is best learnt through hands-on experience, working with a teacher who is more experienced than you. You learn to cook with is hot, taste the difference between raw flour and cooked flour in a sauce. have listed below those

courses that I would happily attend. In two cases, I have an interest to declare: on October 31 I shall be cooking at Farthinghoe, and from July 9-11 I shall be teaching at

Latti School of Food and Wine: 21 St Alban's Grove, London W8 5BP (01-229 0177). Principal: the bottom. Put the rice in the Caroline Waldegrave. A variety of courses including, for £250, a one-week course on low-fat onion and bacon bits, as well as the cookery from June 25-29 and, from July 2, one-day demonstrations including Italian cookery and vegetarian cooking

(£45 per day). Cookery at the Grange: The Grange, Whatley Vineyard, Whatley, Frome, Somerset BA11 3LA (037 384 579). Principal: Jane Croswell

Jones. The prospectus includes a full week intensive course, "Basics to Bearnaise", which costs £920 for residents and £820 for non-residents, and four-day courses costing from £228. Catherine Blakeley's Cookery Catherine Blakeley's Cookery
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One-day demonstrations on a wide variety of topics including vegetarian cookery and using the microwave (£26.50). Courses start again in the autumn. The Ballymaloe Cookery Schoot: Kinoith, Shanagarry, County Cork, Republic of Ireland (353 21646 785). Principal: Darina Allen. Apart from appearances Allen. Apart from appearances by guest cooks, the courses are based on the Ballymaloe style of cooking, using the abundant fresh produce of that comer of the republic. Prices range from £65 for the one-day Christmas cooking courses, to £2.750 for the 12-week building to course. certificate course. Vacunces Cuisine, Domaine Les

Laurons 83570 Entrecasteaux (010 33 9404 4977). Principal: Sarah Beerbohm. One-week cooking holidays in the heart of Provence, where you are taught to make the classic dishes of Provençal cuisine. The course includes some meals at local restaurants and a visit to a busy restaurant kitchen. The cost is £845, sharing a double room, not including travel to Provence. Including travel to Provence.

Les Ecoles Roger Vergés Ecoles de Nice, Hotel Beau Rivage, 06300 Nice, and Ecoles de Mougins, Restaurant L'Amendier, 06250 Mougins (010 33 93 753570). A one-week course, for about £187, includes delly classes, a visit to the market, and a "cuisine du marché" lesse all besed on Recent Versée. class, all based on Roger Vergé's cuisine de soleil, a taste of also join two-hour cooking classes, held every afternoon and Saturday morning, by booking 48 hours in advance.

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FOOD

Supermarkets hope to recapture the flavour of the pre-prepackaged meat era, Charles Hennessy writes

There was a time when to shop for meat was to take part in some atavistic rite. Under a sign that read, in neo-Gothic lettering, Family Stevens Butcher, you stepped, on sawdust, into an arena furnished with worn scrubbed wood, marble, tiles, and baid, cold carcasses hanging from hooks. When those ran out, more were brought from behind a door as solid and important as you'd find anywhere outside a hank vault. It was a place of intricate surgery performed by risid) faced men with flash-

ing dangerous knives.
Such places still exist, but mosth we have our meat where we buy everything else supermarkets - and, like everything else in supermarkets, it comes film-mapped in handy trays. chilled instead of chambre. It is hardly surprising if the convection exists that the steff, somehow, doesn't taste the same; that chops you've seen chopped are somehow

Progress has been made since the days when all supermarket meat, like supermarket tornators, looked too red, too fresh, too shiny and userd of nothing much. Enghish cuts began to give way to immer, dantier French translations and foreign exot-१६८ इप्रदोर ३५ मध्यद्वसार्थ वीच्युगरपण and purporter de vesa appeared alongside fai-wrapped sings-ued axis de hauf.

ONCE upon a time salads

were green. Now they are technicoloured. The latest

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ne man's meat. Cheer up! Stress ruins the crackling



What were the secrets that allowed the traditional high street butcher to produce tender, juicy, tasty meat? Living across the road from a flagship Sainsbury, I have been well placed to observe that company's efforts to reintroduce something of what we're pretty sure we used to find at Mr Stevens (and

First, those French cuts became Gourmet Cuts, priced somewhat higher than your ordinary Anglo-Saxon variety. Then, a couple of years ago, something called Traditional the shelves. This turns out to meat, they say, comes only

be the result of more than a year's effort by Sainsbury, employing the skills of a "meat technologist". to reproduce the methodology of the traditional butcher on the scale demanded by mass marketing.

The first key to the secret, to nobody's great surprise, was found in the raw material. Sainsbury worked closely with suppliers, agreeing on detailed specifications and working to improve the basic product. Then it rediscovered ageing, or maturing. Meat hung on the bone is more tender, more Beef made its appearance on toothsome. Succulence in

with ageing. Cut meat too early and what you get, inevitably, is tough meat, however good the original carcass. You have to have some bite in a piece of meat, of course: "tenderness with texture" is the stirring battle-cry. You can, in fact, induce tenderness

in meat by beating the daylights out of it, but in doing so you destroy the connecting tissues that give it its character. Sainsbury's Traditional and Lamb are tenderized by my traditional beef.

to 21 days — but not on the method. Tests reveal, it claims, that there is no perceptible difference in flavour or tenderness between meat matured on or off the bone, so they mature in the pack. A Safeways innovation, now offered in 10 stores, is organic beef and lamb. I've tried the beef and it is very palatable. Waitrose, too, has been going backwards to make

progress, and the result is Traditional English Pork. It starts with the farmers and breeders, who say they rear their pigs in small peer groups, in the field or in housing that provides natural conditions of daylight, fresh air and abundant straw. There are specialists to conduct the pigs to the chop with the minimum of stress, cushioning the final blow and ensuring the tenderness of the meat, which is affected by muscular tension.

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Safeways is on the same

What supermarkets have over the small shop, we're told, is the price advantage that comes with bulk buying, huge markets and all that. Leg of lamb in my local Sainsbury last week cost from £2.78 to Beef is aged for two weeks on £2.92; at traditional Rudds. the bone and one week in the nearby in Kensington, it was a package before going onto the mere £2.20. And chump chops shelves. More recently in- at £4.26 compared with £3.30. troduced, its Tenderlean Pork Oh well, that's just me having

Red, white and green growth is started again, in the That, says Graham Ward, the

ance on the saind shelves is red chicory. Next year will bring red endive of Verona, which resembles a dark red lettuce. red celery (of which Saleway In radicchio there is already a has already had a little) and vanegated variety, the Castelwhite cocumbers. Quite posfranco, its green leaves patsably there will be a new hue of terned with red spots and cansicum, too, to set beside the existing green, red, purple. streaks. vellow, white and orange, it

Radicchio is grown from seed and harvested. The white chicory we buy is treated sale at Samsbury and Tescol is differently. It is grown from seed in an open field to produce a root, which is then here of radiochio, the bitter lifted and stored, before

dark. The new blanched shoot which the root then produces is the "chicon", which we cal. The red chicory - bred by

the Dutch by crossing rad-icchio with "witloof" (white leaf) chicury - is grown by the chicon method, and the heads have the same ughtly rolled. eigar-like up as chicory. The leaves, though, are fringed with bright red. Red chicory costs more.

managing director of Home Grown Salads, which is marketing it, is because the variety does not yet give shoots of consistently even size. "You have to throw half of them away to get the size the market wants," he says. In Britain that means

chicons of about 3-40z each. On the Continent you can see chicons twice that size. Chicory does not sell in

Britain as well as it does in continental Europe or North America, It has not taken off like cherry tomatoes or Little Gem lettuce (both pioneered as commercial propositions by Marks & Spencer). That, Mr Ward thinks, is because chicory is still too dry and bitter for the British palate.

The answer, perhaps, is that quite a few Britons have yet to master the art of providing salad dressings worthy of the salads now available. We have come a long way from plain lettuce with salad cream.

Sounding out the cornets

ABOUT the best that can be said of most of the £648 million worth of ice-creams sold in Britain during 1989 is that they were sweet and cold. lce-cream? The description is to yoghurt, and then to icelegal, but hardly honest. Most of the products sold in Britain are made from vegetable fats and contain little or no dairy produce. When Britain joined the EC in 1975, a special dispensation was granted so that our manufacturers could continue to call their nondairy products ice-cream.

On May 9 a new ice-cream parlour will open in London. Haagen-dazs on the Square will bring one of America's favourite top-quality icecreams to Leicester Square, in a high-class parlour fitted out at a cost of £500,000. When challenged to com-

pare the company's product with their own vanilla ice, 12 of Britain's top chefs voted Haagen-Dazs their second favourite. The winning icecream was made by Beth Coventry, the chef at Green's Restaurant, London SW1. At the time of tasting, however, the American-made ice cream was about two months old and the other ices had been made that day. The secret of its success, says managing director Tim Meadow-Smith, is in the ingredients - fresh cream, fresh skimmed milk, egg yolks, raw cane sugar, with nothing else added.

The parlour will offer 18 flavours of ice-cream and frozen cream bars dipped in Belgian chocolate then rolled in one of eight toppings, such as roasted almonds or toffeecoated crisped rice. At about £1.70 for the bars and £1 for cones or cups (take-away prices), the product is not industry. Once ice-cream was cheap.

Six years ago the Milk Marketing Board hit on the idea that farmers should turn their surplus milk into ice-Robin Young cream. Loseley had already

paved the way. In 1968, the company began making cheese from skimmed milk left over after the cream had been removed. It progressed cream. Now it produces 6 million litres of dairy icecream every year. As the public becomes increasingly health conscious, the Loseley policy of adding no artificial preservatives has become an important selling point. The freshness of the ingredients is another. At Charles Burrell's Castle Dairy, near Horsham, Sussex, ice-cream is produced in a 250-year-old barn, lined with plastic-coated steel and insulated to form a modern plant of the highest standards. It is only a few steps from the bay where his cows are

milked. In the summer of 1989. manufacturers of real dairy ice-cream recorded average sales increases of 40 per cent Since sales of non-dairy icecream rose by only 8 per cent, it appears that customers are willing to pay that little bit extra for "the real thing".

Farmers often begin producing ice-cream as a means of increasing the value of their milk, and then become passionately involved.

These days, Lyons Maid makes 1.5 million litres of Baskin-Robbins ice-cream under licence from the American parent company. Dayvilles came to Britain in 1975 and pioneered American-style ice-cream parlours, selling 31 flavours. Since a management buy-

out in 1985, like Baskin-Robbins, Dayvilles is again opening ice-cream parlours all around Britain, inspired by the recent success of the considered a summer treat for children, but last year research revealed that, for the first time, adults are the main

COOSUMETS. Geraldine Ranson



nas definitely a bridge

After our crew had bon well and truly beaten the chaps and I fielth our chapeses in tore of course) went for a consolution slap-up at the Savoy Grill.

Needless to say a fine time was had by all. Especially when Squiffy Birnelistle strong from the CHANDFLIER and bonded head first on the sweet trolley.

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THIS is really a book about Athenian men. The women of Athens are invisible and inaudible to us. Beyond a few physical details, we cannot recover the objective reality of their lives, still less what they themselves thought about it, All surviving writings and (so far as we know) all physical representations, were the work of men. However, if we approach this manmade material from the viewpoint of the social anthropologist, we can, Just believes, find out quite a lot about the ways in which Athenian men thought of women, and the place they assigned them in their

concept of society. He starts with the roughage politics and legal capabilities. Ex-perts in the field will find the material here, as elsewhere in the book, familiar (his modest description "a work of synthesis" is to that extent correct), but the angle of approach opens up some novel

Women's exclusion from active politics put them, in one set of polarities, among the ruled rather than the rulers, a role apparently reflected in private life by their totally sheltered and legally subordinate situation, under the authority of a head of household. But since legitimate birth was a condition of inheritance rights and (probably) citizenship, men were effectively obliged to defend their womenfolk's interests, in order to protect their own social and pol-itical existence. What from one angle might look like male paternalism, from another looks very like sheer self-preservation. Appeals, in law-court speeches, to consideration for the feelings and

Old, old story for women

welfare of women have as their was replaced by homosexual underlying concern what the men would get out of it.

So, when an Athenian man declares his devotion for wife or mother, and his respect for her wishes, may we simply dismiss this as cynical sentimentality? Of course not; as Just points out, for an emotional ploy to work, there must be some basis of commonly acknowledged reality. Some marriages must have

been happy ones although against, it would seem to us, enormour odds

A woman had

no choice whom,

or even whether, to marry, and could be moved from one husband to another willy-nilly, to suit male purposes - usually financial, rather than sexual. Marital boredom need not be a problem, at least for the man. There were plenty of socially acceptable alternatives: foreign mistresses (only the Athenian really

down on his luck would let his sister live as a concubine rather than a wife), party-girls and prostitutes, both slave and free. Unmarried men had the same range available; and for them dating and "going steady" with social equals relationships, complete with the double standard (remember that?) about actually doing it. Differences of age and experience could raise enormous barriers. Athenian men tended to marry late, but to marry off their women as young as possible. Men lived out in the world of politics, business, and ideas; their wives' experience and

Xenophon's Jane F. Gardner **Oikonomikos** WOMEN IN ATHENIAN Management") one of Socrates LAW AND LIFE stooges admits By Roger Just Routledge, £30 that there is virtually no one

> up with thirtysomething Ischomachos's total recall of the training course of lectures he gave his childbride, aged 14, on her duties (including career motivation). It is pleasing to note that Ischomachos's real-life widow made a highly scandalous second marriage, and perhaps had some fun after all.

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Wives may not have found marriage too bad. It gave them the best career and highest status available, and some security. Extradomestic sexual partners were not in competition for their position, and henpecking, it seems, could keep some husbands away from the

Also, wives had ways of hitting back, or so men feared. Comedy, that exorcizer of fears, is full of men's neuroses about women's randiness, undetected adulteries, faked pregnancies, drunkenness, and general failure to subscribe to the proper values of the marital enterprise. All of these sometimes happened in reality, but they undeniably were part of men's stereotyped idea of women, formed under the constraints of their own idea of themselves.

Just neatly draws these and other facets of the composite image of women, as creatures defective in rationality and self-control (and therefore bracketed by Aristotle with slaves), that can be found dispersed through literary sources of various types. He shows how all ultimately depend upon the selfimage of men arising from the social system which they them-

Prisoners of their own ideals Athenian men (= citizens) aimed to be free, self-governing (therefore rational), governing others. Women were among the others, so "naturally" were the opposite subordinate, incapable of self-control, irrational - and were therefore appropriately assigned to the pos-ition in society that men had allotted them. The idea that independence in women was a menace to the social order helped create the fictional monsters that threatened civilized life, such as Euripides' Bacchae and his Medea, and

Victoria Glendinning visits Amis-land

Life through a mist of whine

"ISN"I it terrible," says someone in this novel, "how when you find out more about someone you've known a long time and thought you knew all about, they're always worse than you thought before, never not as bad?" As readers, we have known Kingsley Amis a long time, so cannot be blamed for covertly finding similarities between him and his latest creation, Harry Caldecote - a retired librarian (the posh, private kind, not from a public library). The novel sets out to justify Harry; everyone needs him, however impossible he is. He and his circle are made for each other in some horrible but

nescapable way. Harry has two ex-wives. He lives with his widowed sister, and has a loose sexual arrangement with an old friend called Maureen. He is a senior member of a club called the

Irving, "just round the corner THE FOLKS THAT LIVE from the Gar-rick". Harry is a

ON THE HILL By Kingsley Autis Hutchinson, £12.95 slob, but he is, the author insists, a good guy,

Like everyone else in this book, he is motivated by boredom and fear in varying proportions, but he also fee endlessly, boringly, inadequately responsible for a whole string of hangers-on, ex-thises and step-thats, who can't do without him. They all drink a lot (the action, if that's what it is, centres on the local pub), telephone a lot, borrow money a lot, and visit one another complainingly, using mini-cabs all

There is a blurred messiness about their days, and about the eastwhile links of marriage, sex, or hatred that still unite them, as there is about the language in which all this is conveyed. The sentences are like humpy groceries, waiting to be unnacked from the misshapen bags of their paragraphs.

Here for example is Bunty, a distressed lesbian, thinking about Piers, the sponging cad who is in her flat: "After all he was one of her only bits of family, not very close, true, being no more than Harry Caldecote's son by his first marrisge, and Harry being what to this day it took her a couple of seconds to work out in her head, her stepmother's divorced husband. but still."

The Asians who run the "newsagent's-cum-tobacconist's-confectioner's-delicatessen-cum-videolibrary-cum (from next week)-drycleaning-establishment" use a formal, educated English, in which to discuss the pathetic habits of the native British whom they serve, But Harry and his raffishly exlovers. They are also ex-articulate, rambling on in Bunty's kind of shambling allusive colloquialism even Harry the scholar and bibliophile, and Freddie, his humble, half-deranged brother, who was a poet in the 1950s, and even the prvisible parrator.

It is not so much stream of consciousness as partially blocked drain of consciousness. What blocks the drains is disappointment, inertia, and drink. Thirtyfive-year-old Fiona, the niece of an ex-wife of Harry's, subsists on white wine and the random attentions of mini-cab drivers and smen — including a lout called Keith, who has stepped for a moment out of Martin Amis's last novel to make a guest appearance in his father's ("Yeah, cheers").

This book is worth persisting of islands of precision that illuminate the fog. Fiona's addiction to alcohol is a clarity as chilly

as her white wine should be. The novel is set in an area of north London that is so precisely recognizable, (as was Notting Hill in London Fields, to which this book seems a paternal response) that Amis's gestures in the direction of fictionalizing it — by calling a restaurant Odile's instead of Odette's, for example - are purely

Kitchen noises are described with an obsessional precision, and there's a matching set of precisely defined outdoor noises, louder and more threatening. There is one piece of dazzling precision-engineering in the shaky structure of the novel itself, and it's to do with sex. The terrifyingly conscientious Désirée gives hen-pecked husband Freddie a pedicure, which he appreciates in a passive kind of way. Half a dozen pages later, she suggests "a nice early night" which implies, as the author explains, something it would be "only fair" to call sexual activity, better guessed at than described. "Nevertheless something must be said." What is said, little though it is, is all too graphic because words and images already planted in the reader's mind in the apparently innocent account of the pedicure session become reactivated to illuminate the "nice early night".

Are such figahes of technical brilliance worth ploughing through all those mindless drinking sessions? Harry, sustained by his sister's unsentimental understandis crateful, in a cru

Rabbiting on for the sake of the pictures FOR CHILDREN

ALISON Uttley was liable to get cross when anyone tried to com-pare her to Beatrix Potter. She rejected any suggestion of in-fluence, and claimed that her stories about Little Grey Rabbit & Co came largely from her own upbringing as a country child.

The truth of that assertion is not necessarily to her advantage, however. For despite recurrent local colour in her books - sycamore keys for doors, baking hedgehogs in clay - her stories are diffuse where Beatrix Potter's were shapely, her language slack rather than keenly

Moreoever (another thought that riled her), what gave the Little Grey Rabbit books their enduring character was not so much her stories as Margaret Tempest's illustrations - subdued, chintzy, but redolent of a Metroland cosiness that was the last escape of the 19301

Now, in unexplained circumstances, 60 colour-sketches by Marparet Tempest for the Little Grey Rahbit books have been discovered. They are not fully finished, and, indeed, their very roughenss gives them a childlike charm, but since they are all hitherto unspheroof place and period, the notion of getting Denis Judd, exercise.

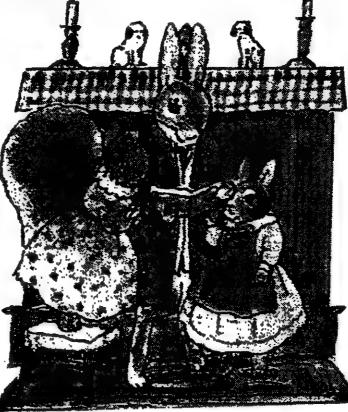
Brian Alderson

FURTHER TALES OF LITTLE GREY RABBIT

By Denis Judd Illustrated by Margaret Tempest Collins, £9.95

Mrs Uttley's biographer, to make up some Uttley pastiches into which they could be fitted.

Mr Judd says that he felt some disquiet over this; but he need not have done so. Simply because of its flaccid narrative style, the Little Grey Rabbit formula is eminently imitable; and by preserving the animals' stereotyped characteriza-tion, and by making occasional references to events in the original series of stories, Mr Judd proves a persuasive substitute for his model. Rabbit, Squirrel, and Hare remain in their curious mênage à trois; postman Robin and Milkman Hedgehog continue to call; threats from the Wild Wood stay suppressed. Even so, Margaret Tem-



The curious ménage à trois: Squirrel, Hare and Little Grey Rabbit | upper-middle-class circle are not what he can get. Me too.

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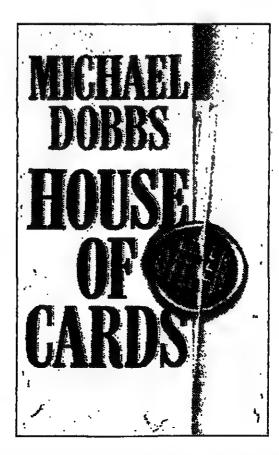
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Legendary encounters

Strange as it may seem at first, Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington waited a very long time before making a record together. It was not until they were both old men that they finally joined forces in the studio. The music from that session, recorded in April 1961, has been drifting in and out of circulation for a number of years. It is now back on the original Roulette label, available on a single CD or two LPs -Together For The First Time and The Great Reunion.

The two men never repeated the encounter. Perhaps there is nothing too surprising about that, They were, after all, poles apart in terms of temperament. From the purist's point of view, in fact, the collaboration was something of an anticlimax:

none of the 17 tracks kind of definitive, ground-breaking work that would qualify for any time capsule. Indeed, they barely rate a mention in some of the standard reference books. And yet, if it came to choosing a basic begin-ner's introduction to

jazz, it would be tempting to put this disc ahead of Armstrong's Hot Fives or Ellington's Blanton-Webster band. Newcomers to jazz, accustomed to state-of-the-art reproduction, often find the true vintage recordings as alien and remote as cave paintings. For novices whose memories do not

wayward 78. There is plenty here, in any case, Backed by his All Stars, Armstrong is the more assertive of the two leaders, wading into the tunes with unselfconscious ease. Taking Billy Kyle's place at the piano, Ellington provides all 17 compositions, most of them standards. although "The Beautiful American", built around Barney Bigard's gentle clarinet riff, was

stretch back to wind-up gramo-

phones in punts, there is not much

nostalgia to be gained from de-

ciphering the scratches on a

concocted on the spot. Ellington's playing on this date has been criticized as over-reticent. He is certainly spare to the point of being transparent. But ppearances are deceptive: even the shortest of solos has its own

Clive Davis

Louis American & Duke Ellington The Complete Louis Amstrong & Duke Ellington Sessions (Roulette CDP-7938442) Ella Fitzgerald & Louis Armstrong Ella And Louis Again (Verve CD-

Ella Fitzgerald The Intimaté Ella

(Verve CD-839838) Duke Ellington Piano Reflections (Capitol CDP-792863)



inner logic. Apart from the some-times awkward rhyming on "Aza-

lea", all of the pieces are worthy of occasion, with Armstrong whooping it up on "It Don't Mean A Thing" or "Don't Get Around Much Anymore". In a more sombre vein, "I Got It Bad And That Ain't Good" opens with a yearning trumpet chorus which

JAZZ UPDATE

Stanley Turrentine The Best Of Stanley Turrentine (Blue Note CDP 793201) Deliciously varied selection; Randy Weston's "In Memory Of" is proof that Turrentine is no superficial hard blower. Nonce Silver The Best Of Horace Silver, Volume Two (Blue Note COP 7932062) "Song For My Father" gives this album a kick-start, with Joe

Henderson's tenor solo

sounding as potent as ever

clears the way for a poignant vocal. The purely instrumental numbers are less compelling, but Armstrong's muted horn is obviously well suited to the mockfunereal tone of "Black And Tan

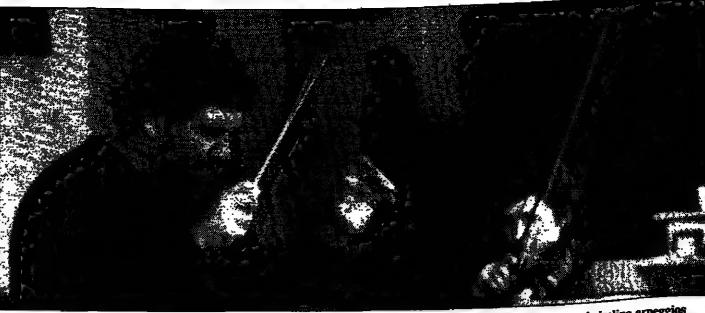
Supervised by Norman Granz, Armstrong's 1957 duets with that other legend, Ella Fitzgerald, hardly need recommendation. The prosaically titled follow-up to Ella and Louis overflows with vitality, with the Oscar Peterson Trio and Louis Bellson ticking away in the background. Songs

like "Let's Call The Whole Thing Off" and "I Won't Dance" are ideal for throwaway performances like this. Listen to how "Stompin' At The Savoy" blossoms from an initially wobbly rehearsal, Armstrong singing with one eye on Granz on the other side of the glass. The trumpet stays in its case much of the time, to be unleashed in splen-didly economical solos. The mono reproduction, inciden-

tally, is gorgeous.
The Intimate Ella is exactly what it says, the singer discreetly accompanied by pianist Paul Smith. The music was originally taped for the soundtrack of a 1960 film, Let No Man Write My Epitaph. A collection of 13 ballads is not to be taken at a

single sitting, but each item repays individual attention, not least as a contrast to the bustling orchestral sound of the Songbook albums. Another excellent month for re-

issues is rounded off by Ellington's trio set from 1953. Along with "Money Jungle", made with Mingus and Max Roach almost a decade later, this is one of the most rewarding facets of mid-to-late Ellingtonia. Discographers should note that "December Blue" is an unissued piece, recently given its title by Mercer Ellington. While the early Fifties may have been one of the slackest periods for Ellington the bandleader, there are half a dozen enduring takes here, among them the salon curio "Melancholia". After a million and one tenor saxophonists have droned their way through "In A Sentimental Mood", Ellington's sprightly ac-count reminds us that there is



Orchestral virtuosity: Oliver Knussen rehearses the London Sinfonietta in Robert Saxton's brilliant scoring and circling arpeggies

In search of modernism

he curious effect of Wien Modern, a sou-venir of the 1988 festival of that name, is to make one wonder whether musical modernism ever really existed. Here, in the earliest piece on the record, is Luigi Nono creating an utterly simple, utterly direct love chant out of single, echoing, burgeoning phrases for a mixed choir with discreet percussion accompaniment. Here is Ligeti hearing long projections out of the 19th century in two parallel orchestral works, Atmospheres and Loniano. Here is Boulez converting the brief expostulations of his early Notations for piano into marvels of sumptuous orchestral tissue. And here, in a new piece, is Wolfgang Rihm wondering whether at this late date the project can begin again, whether there can be, in the words of the Rimbaud "illumination" he

sounds that are new". Perhaps some of the historical weight in these performances comes from the Vienna Philharmonic, from their fondness for the Bruckner in Ligeti and the Berg in Boulez: the reminiscences of Lulu in the first Notation are striking and very plausible, especially given that Boulez had recently been preparing the three-act première of Berg's opera when he created these arrangements. But the orchestra is a lot less happy with the two quick pieces from this set, and in the Ligeti there is a lack of ethereality: the sound has a tangible, throbbing

sets, "departure into affection and

CONTEMPORARY

Paul Griffiths

When Modern Vienna PO/Abbado (DG 429 260-2)
Dookhauden: Piano Piacas XII-XIV Wambach (Koch Schwann 310 015H1)
Saxton: Four Works LS, BBCSO/Knussen (EMI CDC 7 49915 2)
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The potency of the playing is, though, a definite advantage in the Rihm piece, which, like the Nono, also benefits from the fresh-voiced singing of the Vienna Jeunesse-Choir. Rihm writes for singing and speaking voices with a strident small orchestra, and his reference to the intemperate style of early Boulez (Le Soleil des eaux) and Nono seems to suggest a dissatisfaction with the old

Rihm's piece is dedicated to Stockhausen, which rather adds to the enigma in the light of that composer's recent music. Bern-hard Wambach's recording of the latest piano pieces, however, presents a stout case for Stockhausen as a continuing explorer of new worlds: what he achieves in resonance effects is extraordinary.

CLASSICAL UPDATE

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This release may profit
Romania, but it does little for
Enescu: the early Romanian
Rhapsocless and Romanian Poem are episodic and luch with only the short, surely

Votr de la nature showing a more complex personality.

and his furred bass chanting of numbers (among other vocal effects) meshes richly with the piano sound. All these pieces are taken from operas, and suggest a comparison with Liszt's paraphrases, where the transcription may well be more interesting than the original.

The obvious precedent for Robert Saxton, I suppose, is Holst, in terms of his orchestral virtuosity, his adaptation of contemporary modernism (Stravinsky and Schoenberg for Holst, Ligett and Boulez for Saxton) to a strong, single drive, and his attraction to spiritual metaphors of dance and enlightenment.

Saxton's music knows absolutelý where it is going harmonically, and this certain dynamism enables him to establish sym-

But the playing, by Romanian orchestras, is passionate throughout. Hartmann: Symphonies Wergo/Harmonia Mundi (WER 60187-50) (tour CDs) Karl Amadeus Hartmann (1905-63) compounded Stravinsky, Hindemith and Berg into a robustly coloured and energetic style. Most of the eight symphonies are here conducted by Kubelik.

phonic forms ventional tonality or thematic argument. The price he pays is that he is obliged to work for much of the time with circling arpeggeo patterns, but they do also allow him to use instrumentation as a brilliant art in its own right, and they are balanced by melodic writing of abundant personality.

Perhaps the piece to try as an invitation into Saxton's world is The Ring of Eternity for chamber or the property of the same orchestra, beginning with trumpet and woodwind echoing into an artifical reverberation sustained by the strings, and ending in whirling brilliance. The other works here are the Concerto for Orchestra, the chamber symphony
The Circles of Light, and the sextet
The Sentinel of the Rainbow, asdazling a piece as the title promises.

Trevor Wishart is also an astute. composer who takes his imagery from mystical writings, but in every other respect he is the opposite of the Saxton represented. on the EMI record: concerned primarily with the voice, with newpossibilities of sound production and with unfamiliar old ones from Tibet, Mali and elsewhere), and with electronics. His Fox is a cycle of six pieces, each a virgin realm (the sense of the primitive is enhanced by the absence of words), except the last, which is a rude awakening. Otherwise, though, these are fascinating soundscapes, formidably per-formed by Electric Phoenix and having their natural home in the space between the loudspeakers, or between the ears.

normally less happy with Verdi

than with composers closer to his, own generation: Mascagni, Gior-

dano and, above all, Puccini. One

exception to this generalization is

the Aida which he made in 1946,

One of his best complete sets

was the Tosca of 1938 under de

Fabritiis. Cavardossi was a

favourite role both on stage and in

concert. Act III shows Gigli all

honey in "E lucevan le stelle",

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Beniamino Gigli was born a hundred years ago this month in a small village Heart inland of Italy's Adriatic coast, not far from Macerata, where the open-air Opera Festival each July pually attracts a few star nam Will Macerata be celebrating the centenary? Perhaps. But EMI has already stepped in with some of sleeve Gigli's best recordings made be-tween 1932 and 1949, plus the issue for the first time on CD of half a dozen opera sets recorded OPERA

the Second World War, in the days when 78s ruled unchallenged. Gigli's career was long, and he was still quite capable of packing the Albert Hall when he had turned 60. The last of these tracks, Calaf's "Nessun dorma", made when he was 59, shows a voice still Puccint: La Bohème Albanese/ Menottl/Gigil/Poll. La Scala Orch/Berrettoni (EMI CHS 7 68335 2) (two CDs) carrying extraordinary strength.
Part of the secret was that in recital he generally included quite a number of popular songs — and Gigli was the popular tenor, delighting in the breadth of his appeal. And the other reason was that on stage he never took on the

heavyweight tenor roles until he thought he was ready for them. So Gigli, well into his fifties, could still give a featherweight touch to the Aubade from Lalo's Le Roi d'Ys, just as he had done to

Michael Bullion Soul Provider (CBS 465843 1) A Huey Lewis/Survivor-style

A nuey Lewis Survivor-style fake soul voice pasted on to a middle-of-the road, soft rock backing track has secured him a Top 3 hit with "How Am I Supposed To Live Without you". Also included here is his memorably overwrought version.

memorably overwrought version of "Georgia On My Mind".

Agreemiti Permanent Vacation (Geffen WX 126)

ROCK UPDATE

both immediately before and after

John Higgins Gigif: Aries and Duets (EMI CDH 7 51052 2) Puccini: Tosca Caniglia/Gigil/ Borgioli. Rome Opera Orch/de Fabritiis (EMI CHS 7 63338 2) (two CDs)

Harlequin's Serenade from Pag liacci when he had recorded it 10 years earlier. Sometimes pompos-

ity intruded: the "Cujus animam" from the Rossini Stabat Mater (1932) has too much of the concert grand piano style about it. And Alvaro's Act III aria from Forza is not a success. But then, Gigli was

Originally a hit in 1987, but back in the chart thanks to the recent success of "Dude (Looks Like A Ledy)", this is a glorious collection of agile heavy-rock — one of the best in the Boston band's back catalogue.

Adam Ant Manners & Physique (MCA MCG 6068)
There really is "Room At The
Top" so long as you have enough
brass neck and your timing is
right. This frothy collage of pre-fab
pop, slotted carefully together

to get through the Prelude. Earlier he spars gracefully with Maria Caniglia's forceful Tosca as they argue about the painting of the Mary Magdalene. The Bohème has a soprano, Licia Albanese, who was popular

enough in her day to record Mimi with Jan Peerce as well as with Gigli. But the voice sounds unpleasantly strident to present day ears. Not so Gigli: he may show off disgracefully at the end of "Che gelida Manina", but the way he begins the aria is a model of boyish charm. Act III is the best, especially for those with no objection to hearts being worn. clearly on the sleeve, with excellent support from Afro Poli, who should have received more

with a touch of polite funk and an eye for the main chance, is Mr Ant's first Top 20 album since 1983.

recognition than he did,

Cowboy Junkies The Caution Horses (RCA PL 90450) Follow-up to their critically revered debut The Trinity Sessions. This is a similar collection of painfully slow the collection of painfully slow, neocountry rock songs, coloured by dashes of accordion and harmonica and led by the achingly vulnerable singing of Margo Timmins.

A-Z GUIDE TO ROCK

Part 23 of David Sinclair's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in this series, an act

must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and have mustered at least one decent album during that time. The entries are designed to be pasted

on to index cards and stored in a 6in by 4in filing box, available from most good stationery shops, to form an instant guide to the hits and misses of rock history.

imi Hendrix was the most signifi-cant instrumentalist in the pan-theon of rock. His debut album, JIMI HENDRIX Are You Experienced (1967), was to electric guitar techniques what the splitting of the atom was to nuclear splitting of the atom was to nuclear physics. From the first trilling sequence of notes gradually subsumed by a rising wash of feedback that introduces "Foxy Lady", to the last clanging instrumental code of "Are You Experienced" with its swarm of fading, backwards-taped effects, the about is an exploding kalekloscope of technical innovation and savage splendour. It introduced and savage splendour. It introduced a system of ideas that revolutionized

Wild man: Jimi Hendrix

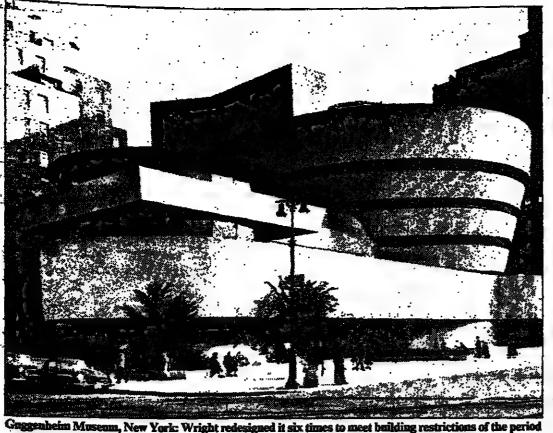
a system of ideas that revolutionized the playing of the primary instrument of rock'n'roll and remains one of the most sturning collections of music. Contemporaries such as Clapton, Beck and Townshend were left reeling in the face of a talent that fused elements of blues, soul, R&B, psychedelia and jazz with a shot of some unearthly voodoo well beyond the grasp of mere mortals. His second album, Axis: Bold As Love (1967), showcases Hendrix's gentler side with a profesion of love songs — "Little Wing", "Castles Made Of Sand", "Bold As Love" —

that seemed to tumble from his imagination with effortless fluency. Here the roguish, "wild man" image, which so caught the popular imagination, is belied by Hendrix's imagination, is belied by Hendrix's conce all the superstud blamey was stripped away his child-like sensitivity as a songwriter. This was a stripped away his child-like sensitivity as a songwriter. This was a stripped away the time Electric sprawling double album of intermortal reading of Dylan's "All Along Chile (Stight Return)". a postnower", and "Voodoo Smash Hits (1968) gathers up Hendrix's first four together with 8-sides, although a more comprehensible collects together every song Hendrix released released after his death, Jimi Plays Monterey (1986) varsion of Dylan's "Like A Rolling Stone".

NEXT WEEK: John Lee Hooker, The Human League

THE ARTS

Frank Lloyd Wright's visionary projects continue to come to realization, more than 30 years after the architect's death. Paul Moor reports from California



Dreams a mile high

riving south on US 101, about 20 miles before the Golden Gate Bridge leads into San Francisco, the motorist comes to a rise bringing arrestingly into view one of the masterpieces of western American architecture. It is the Marin County Civil Center, and to the informed eye it instantly evokes one name: Frank Lloyd Wright, Characteristically, Wright's vast

structure blends into its environment with exceptional harmony. It houses, among other things, offices, a public library, a justice administration - even a jail. Aaron Green, Wright's San Francisco disciple who brought the project to completion, says that when Wright first studied the site, he announced: "I'll bridge these hills with beautiful arches."

The greatest of American archi-tects died three years before the completion of the Civic Centre in 1962. One building in the grounds currently houses an immense exhibition, "Frank Lloyd Wright: In the Realm of Ideas". It comes from the Wright Foundation in Scottsdale, Arizona, where the

great man's work is carried on with the single-minded passion which characterized his disciples

during his lifetime.

Wright – the prototypical genius, well ahead of his time – completed about 1,000 projects, an astonishingly high number. If it saddens the visitor to see "(Unbuilt)" on the labels identifying so many of the schemes display here, it is consoling to know that many others were completed.

The exhibition contains 160 sketches, completed drawings, huge photographs, and scale mod-els of outstanding Wright works. But the high point is an outdoor exhibit a full-scale restination of what its creator called the Usonian Automatic House High on Wright's list of acs-

thetic principles stood his pro-ciamention of the destruction of the box" - the cradication of masonry barriers traditionally dissecting living space into in-dividual cubicles. He also revelled in undisguised natural materials concrete, metal, wood - and for his Usonian house he used plain rectangular concrete blocks.

He gave the blocks a variety of surface textures, but the fundamental structure was of un-painted concrete blocks reinforced by steel rods. He invented the word "Usonian" from USA, and by "Automatic" he meant that virtually anyone with a middle-class income could put one up literally automatically.

The controversies that plagued Wright for much of his life never seriously deterred him. Part of the exhibition documents the turnult which accompanied the Marin County project, this found ex-pression in such vociferous headlines as "Wright stalks out of he supported Reds" and "New Red charges hurled at Wright".

vocated building upwards in urban areas; among his last major projects was one intended for Chicago which he referred to conversationally as "the Mile-High". He planned just that: a slim elegant obelisk, one mile high, providing vast areas of floor space but leaving the surrounding sur-face of the earth unclustered.

the last detail. Nuclear power would run the lifts, which would serve several storeys simulta-neously, and would rise and descend not on cables but on cogs. Sadly the caption to this exhibit concludes "(Unbuilt)".

So does the one describing the "Butterfly Bridge" which Wright designed for the lower part of San Francisco bay. Shunning steel because of the need for perpetual maintenance painting, he planned a reinforced concrete structure rising in the middle to permit ships to pass underneath. At the midsection the bridge was to divide, and there, between the traffic lanes, he foresaw a full-sized park and rest area, for

viewing the bay.
Indomitable local champions of the Butterfly claim they may yet see it built, and the Foundation in Arizona also has plans for other unrealized projects. Thirty-one years after Frank Lloyd Wright's death, his creative work is still alive and controversial, while his native land continues trying to catch up with him.

Thorny thinking

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

JUST as last week's Arena profile of the dragon agent Peggy Ramsay filustrated the BBC 2 programme at its theatrical best, last night's film about the English Rose showed it at its rambling worst. The problem is of our own making: several years ago tele-vision critics told Arena how good it was at being quirkily off-beat. Programmes dedicated to the Mini Minor and the song "My "Way" were good enough in their own right to set some kind of daft agenda for the future — choose an arbitrary commodity and go down every one of its historical and

sociological byways. Thus for the Rose show we were given terminally boring lectures about the Wars of that name, brief chats to people who have had roses named after them, and a look at a lady who believes in smothering her lunch with petals. We were lucky, I suppose, not to be introduced to Rose's Lime Juice or Rose Macaulay, let alone the massed bands of the Grenadier Guards playing Ivor Novello's

But random reflections on a single word need a focus if they are not to degenerate, as this one did, into indulgent meanders on a nonexistent theme. Next week I suppose we will have 40 minutes on the life and times of the cactus.

Over on Channel 4, on a night when most documentaries reemed to be competing for BAFTA nominations in advanced monotony, Hilary Minster's Ace of Hearts was a profile of Zia Mahmood, arguably the world's greatest bridge player. It went some way towards explaining the fascination of a game which seems to attract world champions who always look like ageing movie stars, and sometimes are. For me. observing bridge-players has all the compulsive excitement of watching dust settle, but there are clearly those, not least Mahmood and Minster, for whom it represents something more than that.

Minster and Mahmood were at their best when exploring the possibilities of fixing a game: apparently there is a brand of Russian cigarettes which, when lit, makes a noise unlike any other. One pair of players was accused of passing illicit signals to each other with the sounds made by their cisarette papera.

Nowadays screens are erected between players to prevent any facial ties or other secret signs, and bids are written down to avoid coded vocal inflections. I only wish I could care, but, as newspaper bridge columns testify, there are thousands who do, and for them this may well have been the

Musical journeys

RADIO Martin Cropper

TOBACCO has been the ruin of many of the great names of this century. One recalls the dreadful end of H.H. Munro, whose famous last words, raising his head above trench-level, were: "Put that bloody cigarette out!"In the case of Anton Webern, the fatal smoke was a cigar half-consumed outside his son-in-law's house: mistaking the composer for a black marketeer, a US Army cook named Bell shot him dead.

John Thornley's artful collage The Death of Anton Webern (Radio 3, Sunday) wrapped up a weekend in which the composer's works were broadcast, from soup to nuts; a tribute all the more remarkable for not being tied to an anniversary in a publicist's diary, The rhapsodic effusion of Herr Doktor Webern - its alleged radicalism compromised by his conscious dedication to the classical tradition - was counterpointed by any amount of "natural" sound, including bom-

ber engines, and the achievements

of Frank Sinatra. Testifying at the

military inquiry into the composer's death, a witness declared, "I

tidn't see what transcribed". What transpired in the course of

The Great Bug Hunt (Radio 4, Wednesday) was a Scoop-like catalogue of preparations for an entomological expedition to Indonesia, including a search for precisely the right brand of selfdraining jungle boot. Martin Wainwright's four-part narrative promises well.

Other journeys were celebrated. in Recollections of an Excursion (Radio 3, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday), in which William Beckford, builder of Fouthill Abbey, recalled trailing his quivering sensibility around Portuguese monasteries in 1793. No curmudgeonly Smollett or frivolous Sterne, Beckford dilated on the sumptuous appointments of the sites visited, which were either "imposing" or "picturesque". A travel writer whose strongest complaint is that a place is "unpoctical" has no notion of an audience.

The Irish poet and playwright Aidan Higgins returned to radio with Boomlown (Radio 3, Thursday), a typically involved potpourni evoking a year spent teaching a "creative writing" course at the University of Texas," Cicadas shrilling in the pecan tree, like steel war music by Hindemith" - this was, however, Professor Higgins at work and not one of his students, whose chief concern seemed to be the fortunes of the Longhorns football team. A news broadcast revealed that one of their linebackers had been arrested for biting a policeman.

A Wagnerian evening at Covent Garden, and Scott Joplin's only opera, resisting resuscitation at the Bromley Festival

One master singer to be prized

and Antietty Service Paul Griffiths

Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg Covent Garden

THERE are not too many reasons for rushing to the Royal Opera's slightly new production of *Die Meistersinger*. But really one only needs the one; Bernd Weikl's quietly perfect Hans Sachs. The tone of resignation properly per-vades everything he does, but it is lightened by a feeling for irony: Sachs as a man whose observation of the world has brought him as much wit as wisdom

His singing gives the impression of confidences being bestowed with the authority of transparent frankness, and yet not a word is lost. It is the same with his acting: he has only to open his hand and the point is made; he simply

belongs in the role. Perhaps it is unfair that he can be so true and at the same time so beamiful. His voice is centred in a rich, appealing warmth, but it is his range of numce that gives him the means to make everything tell without exaggeration; this is the mastersinger as lieder artist. He is vigorous enough to be a plausible

Indeed, it seems abourd that she should willingly forgo him for the Walther of Reiner Goldberg, who has not been well served by the wig and costume departments, and who, on Thursday night, was in distressing vocal condition. The sound was strong but constricted

and often out of time. Eva herself was another dis appointment. This was Felicity Lott's first Wagner role, and she is

further. The excessive care inemmciation can be overcome, but that will leave the problem of so much artistry being dimmed by insufficient volume. For ber, though, the quintet was the high point, reminding us of what makes her so special.

Hermann Prey as Beckmesses played down, as he promised in interview with Barry Millington on this page, the pinched spate of the character, which made it possible for him to sing most of the part with full, lustrous tone; I cannot imagine Beckmesser's attempt at the prize song has ever been made so beaunful. But of course it remains ridiculous, and Prey is too good a clown not to take advantage of the comedy.

Among the others, Robert Gambili looked a likely David, and picked up vocally after a

Howells, in gorgeous voice, made one wish Magdalene's part were ten times longer; and Gwynne Howell contributed a feelingful Pogner. There is further help to the generous gravity of the work from Christoph von Dohnányi's spacious and deep-textured con-ducting, at least after an overture that had demonstrated his clarity, but had also plodded.

The production has been re-staged by John Cox and is the playing of the riot in slow motion under ice-blue lighting is a mistake. Michael Hopkins's new sets for the finals - segments of grandstand with curved toy-glider wings of baiss wood and tissue paper rearing up over them - are bizarre, though the sensation of light is welcome.



Bernd Weikle a "quietly perfect Hans Sachs" in Die Meisterstager

A delicate blending of feeling and phrase

THEATRE

Jeremy Kingston

Abingdon Square Cottesloe

A MIDDLE-AGED widower, decent and tender-hearted, marries a teenage girl; she is as young as his son, with whom she soon discovers she is in love. Because they cannot express their love, she imagines a lover who looks like him and eventually takes a real lover. The happiness of the mar-

riage's early years turns to hatred.
This bald outline of all but the closing scenes of Maria Irene Fornes exquisitely shaped play gives away nothing that seriously matters, since our feeling for her characters, and our understanding of them, grows from the accumulation of delicately placed feelings, phrases, tones of voice and even ragtime songs. These signals chime with one another tike memories: precise, intensely charged and astonishingly unex-

The scenes, to which the pregnant remarks tend to form the climax, vary greatly in length. In wife. Marion, for a glass of water, and drinks from the vase of flowers she is holding, there are but two lines spoken. Characters communicate their feelings to us when their mouths are

The play was first seen last summer at the pocket-sized Soho Poly as a co-production with Shared Experience, Nancy Mec-

kler has now re-directed it for the Cottesloe, where the stage alone is six times the ground area of the entire Soho Poly Theatre.
On Lucy Weller's cream-white

set, where the young people wear white, and Juster, the husband, and Marion's old aunt dress in grey or black, the only colour comes from the elegant, mahogany turn-of-the-century chairs and table. In the wide spaces between these islands of furniture, Meckler's exceptionally fine cast plays out the drama of a sexuality that becomes self-aware only to find itself trapped.

When Annabelle Apsion and Pearce Quigley bound on to the stage at the beginning, naively pulling each other to the ground, it comes as a shock to learn that she is about to become his stepmother. Apsion captures beautifully an adolescent's artless attempts to order her jumbled feelings, and so vividly does her voice colour the description of her imagined lover that it comes as another shock to find the dapper young Frank (Christopher Eccleston) transformed from an inven-

tion to a flesh-and-blood man. Philip Voss's subtly marked performance as Juster, where thinlipped smiles of guarded delight become the thinner lines of bitterness, is another excellent performance by one of our most versatile actors. When he hoarsely repeats the words of "Dearie", sung to him as a birthday treat by his still marginally happy family, you hardly know whether laughter, tears or sheer amazement is the fitting response.

The play's short run ends on April 28: I strongly recommend it.



Married bliss? Philip Voss and Annabelle Apsion in Abingdon Square

Michael Wright

Julius Caesar Theatre Royal, Brighton

TIM Pigott-Smith's Compass Theatre has railied a huge company for this touring production, which is rich in fluency and detail. A little less twanging from those retractable daggers, a little more blood and sweat on those perfectly-ironed togas, and it might really stab home.

number of large white marbled blocks, like chunks of pre-graffiti Berlin Wall or massive Augustan urinals, make a cleanlined, versatile set. Here Pigott-Smith clothes his balding Brutus in a soft dark frown, hinting unconvincingly at the resourceful ness that lies beneath his noted clumsy interpretation, like Peter Blythe's petulant Cassius with his trumpet-oratory.

In marked contrast to this rather uninspiring double-act, John Duttine's dead-pan Mark Antony easily wins our sym-pathies, all but castrating the play. Splendid in scarlet, with a face that is primarily fringe, chin, and eye-lashes, he brings an incisiveness of delivery that rapidly undermines the ineffectual baying of the senators. Terence Longdon's Caesar is a creased face on a willowy stem; Lynn Clayton makes a sensuous Calpurnia;

Pamela Miles a bimbo-like Portia. Some remarkable coups-de-théâtre make up for the lack of emotional conflict. After Caesar's bloodless stabbing, the set itself begins to crack and bleed, and later, in a grotesque parody of The Winter's Tale, his marble statue

Plenty of rags, not enough riches

Hilary Finch

Treemonisha Churchill, Bromley

THE whole sad story of Treemonisha is probably best forgotten. When Scott Joplin abandoned writing the piano rags, which still celebrate his memory, to compose a serious opera, he reduced himself to penury and died a broken man. The opera, alas, is a failure. The last number, "A Real Slow Drag", is anticipated from the start in more ways than one. Joplin never saw an adequate performance in his lifetime; neither, perhaps, shall we.

An ad hoc group of players, singers and dancers, called the

Bromley Festival Opera Company, under the musical direction of Gregory Rose, bravely and enterprisingly set out to exhume the opera, obtaining special permission from the Joplin estate to perform it with a white cast. Their production, by Carol Harrington, s its European stage première (Frank Corsaro produced for Houston in 1975); but, for all its orthusiasm, it fails to convince

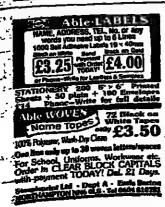
The story, of a good country gal abducted by bootleggers, is weak; its structure painfully limp, its book (Jopin's own) slack to the point of embarrassment. The score, in Gunther Schuller's adequate orchestration, breaks up drifting strands of arioso with the clean, open-air lyricism at which American music can excel. There are some spirited, folksy choruses and rag dances. But the piece needs rewriting as a musical: tight dialogue and upfront numbers are all that could save it.

That and, possibly, the all-black cast for which it was intended. Joplin was writing for a quite different palette of voices from those at Bromley, most of whom are probably more practised in Anglican psalmody than in spirituals. So it was a wise idea to update the action from the plantation days of the 1880s to the Prohibition era, though the appre-priate dance routines only emaicolate the work further.

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Gregory Rose has assembled a double cast of professional and semi-professional principals, among whom Jane Highfield, in the title role on the first night, carolled forth in radiant competition with the recorded birdsong, and upstaged everyone in sight. The trio of bootieggers nicely underscored some of the more curdling moments of sentiment, such as the "Wrong is Never Right" waitz-song of Jeremy Valentine's sweet-voiced Remus. Giles Dawson in particular, as Zodzetrick, had a nicely observed line in angular cinema-spiv movement and, like many in the cast, disguised a lack of true vocal projection by expansive wellpaced singing.

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CONCERT

Stephen Pettitt

Philharmonia/Slatkin Festival Hall

LEONARD Slatkin's anglophile sympathies have not caused him to lose his affinity with his native American music. He gave a hugely

enjoyable demonstration of that in this Philharmonia concert. The predominantly extrovert nature of the music naturally encouraged these in-form players, but the ingredients added by Slatkin - his absolute physical control combined with a careful ear for formal and textural balance - took their performances to the

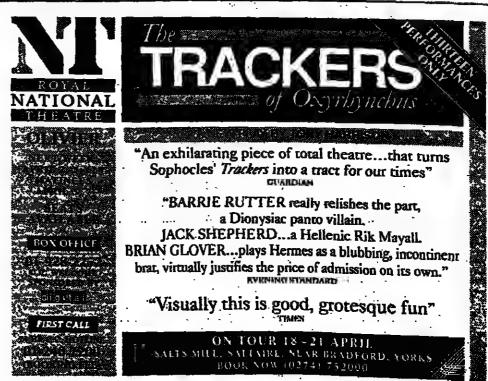
Charles Ives's boldly innovative Variations on "America", heard in William Schumann's conspiratorially naughty orchestranon, made for a rousingly tongue-in-cheek opening. The orchestra negotiated its weird harmonies, its complex cross-rbythms and its superimpositions of tonality with flair and relish.

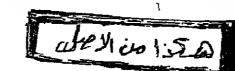
In Samuel Barber's Piano Concerto the soloist was John Browning - the work's first performer, back in 1962. Not surprisingly, he had this tough piece well under his fingers, and tackled the gritty opening movement and the exuberant 5/8 ostinato of the finale with an appropriately hard-edged, but eminently clean-fingered, determination. Yet he took every opportunity to relax into the more veiled sonorities of the beautifully

orchestrated, central Canzona.

Sensitive orchestration is also a mark of Copland's suite from Appalachian Spring.In a lovely reaching. Slatkin showed himself to be particularly adept at shaping the sound; the ending, with clarinet, harp, glockenspiel and strings meticulous in ensemble and balance, was as finely controlled and as quiet as one is ever likely to

This particular moment of alchemy was a marked contrast to the endearing swagger of Gershwin's An American in Paris, throughout which the now redundant harpist sat quietly beaming with pleasure, while the young children in the front row of the choir seats visibly thrilled to the sights and sounds of the busy percussion department, with its four French taxi-horns tooting





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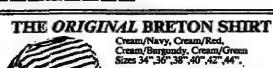
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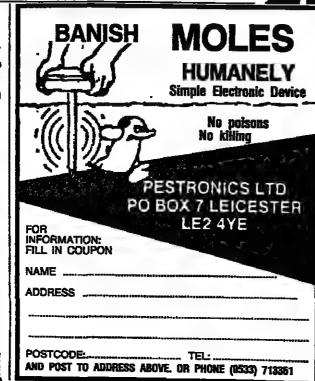
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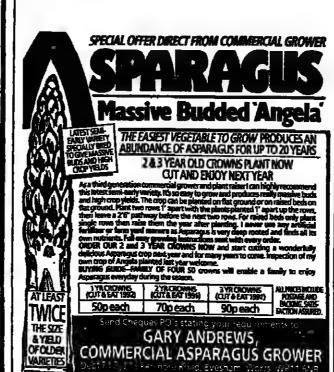
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Blooming reliability

ome plants never make an appearance in lashionable gardening books; they are so commonplace that nohody spares them a second glance, except to remark on them dismissively. I confess that I only looked at the flowering current in my garden as I was about to remove it. However, on inspection I began to appreciate the plant for its own sake: its compact, dark leaves, which emerge so early; its rich, carmine flower buds, hanging in heavy racemes, which open into dramatic clusters of redpink five-pointed stars. When the old specimen (inherited with the garden) died, I surprised myself by deciding to replace it with another.

After a flirtation with the pinky-white apple-blossom varieties, Albescens and Tydman's White, I began to reconsider, finally deciding that the early flowering pinkycrimson type was more de-strable. It has all the associations of English gardens in first flower, blooming reliability whatever the weather conditions, in any kind of soil and in almost any

Its extreme hardiness is doubtless because the flowering currant Ribes sanguineum, also known as the winter currant, has its native origins in western North America. where it grows in high pine and thuis forest. Botanists have known of its existence for nearly 200 years, since the surgeon/botanist Archibald Menzies saw it during Captain Vancouver's ambitious worldvoyaging expedition, but it the flowers, but golden foliage was not introduced as a on everything from birches to garden plant until more than 30 years later. It is an easy plant to propagate - rulerlength twigs stuck into the ground in September or October root quickly and will be ready to replant at the same time the following year.

Good nurseries usually offer three or four varieties of flowering current. King Edward VII, an old type with a good crimson colouring, introduced just after the turn of the century, makes a spreading bush that will grow to about 6ft/2m at maturity. For rurdeners who like golden foliage, Brocklebankii is another smaller, slow-growing

Francesca Greenoak sees the charm of the commonplace, as she pauses to take a closer look at flowering currants



yellow foliage, it should be grown in a shaded position to prevent the leaves from scorching Personally, I dislike the combination of yellow foliage with the strong pink of

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thides details of the

county festival which begins

bandyrow, continuing until May 31 (£1.50, including p&p, from Delta Graphics, Department GG, Tregoniggie Industrial Estate, Cornwall TR11 4SN).

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(01-938 9452),

The bright flower colour of the flowering current can present an aesthetic difficulty, since so many spring flowers are bright yellow, few sights are less attractive than that of flowering current and for-

sythia with brilliant butteryellow daffodils. Planting in well-defined segments, making a corner which keeps the pinks and whites separate from the harder yellows, makes a virtue of the problem. Flowering current will do well at the back of a border, against

WEEKEND TIPS

Sow greenhouse crops, such as aubergines, tomatoes and cucumbers, in seed

 Tie raspberry canes to wires, and cut back to within about 2in/5cm of top wire; remove wayward cane growth. Plant pot-grown strawberries now and they may present a crop this

 Take cuttings from geraniums (pelargoniums), luchsia, chrysauthemana and tuberous begonius. a fence or, even better, gleaming against the dull, dark green foliage of a cypress hedge. Hellebores of all kinds team well with it, and I have seen tulips of precisely the right shade of pinky-red planted in glorious apron around a bushy flowering currant.

The variety Lombartii, which I finally chose, is, I hope, a good sort for less than ideal conditions, being vig-orous in character. It has rather large individual flowers; the inner petals, which make a distinct tube, are creamy-white; the outer sepals start out a strong, dark red, paling as the flower ages. The cultivar Pulborough Scarlet, perhaps even more attractive, also has a distinct white, but small, central tube, its dimin-utive flowers clustered densely in rather upright racemes.

eft to itself, flowering current will grow into a small tree, but it is more commonly een as a many stemmed shrub. In order to keep new growth coming from the base, three-year-old stems (and two-year-old ones which are getting overstrong or crowded) can be cut back to buds situated within an inch or so of the ground. This should be done immediately after flowering. If you want to shorten the younger branches cut back to a strong shoot for good overall shape.

The closest European rela tion to the flowering current is blackcurrant, but redcurrants and gooseberries are all close cousins in the Riber genus This year's brilliant display has come into flower early, simultaneously with the more demure gooseberries. In my garden they grow near each other, and drew my attention early this week, when I spotted the flickering movements of a tiny green bird, active among the young foliage.

A chiffchaff, one of the carliest summer migrants, had decided to pass most of a sunny afternoon in my Ribes patch, in preference to its usual woodland haunts. I felt pleased and privileged - although it occurred to me that this sharp-eyed insectivore had spotted something I had not. NB: Inspect the gooseberry and current foliage for

WALKING

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One step beyond

There is walking by train and there is walking by car. Once upon a time there was also walking by bus, but the services are now so sparse that too often this turns out to be walking by taxi, which is prohibitive. The first comes into its own on a single day's outing, when a route can be planned to lead from one station to another; the merits of the second are often most evident in the framing of a

greater, regional tour. Each has its own brand of independence. The train method allows you to devolve just about all responsibility for getting to the walk, but severely restricts your range of choice; the car approach takes some leisure from the whole operation, and commits you to a circular format unless you take the chauffeur. Both ways have their passionate adherents, and it is to the second which a new book, published jointly by the Automobile Association and the Ordnance Survey, inevitably addresses

Here is yet more proof that with walking so high in the league of leisure pursuits, the car and the country walker, however inimical, must reach an accommodation with each other. This volume of Walks and Tours shows that it can be very handsomely done. Apart from detailing some 300 walks, ranging between the simple and the substantial, and all ending at the point where they started, the book has two outstanding features. First, it is presented in a looseleaf format, which obviates the confounded need to jam a

Alan Franks test-strolls a book

that manages to

cater for car and country walkers alike



Six-mile circular walk around Liscombe, Exmoor

whole work into an anorak pocket on a sodden day, and second, each of these walks is set in the context of the "motorized" linking route, which is again circular. In other words, it has the double function of being a thing both for drivers who might fancy a hike and for walkers who accept the need for a car. The result is that it capitalizes on the common ground between two sectional interests. One might list a third advantage, the even distribution of the routes across the map of England, Scotland and Wales, except that one would expect nothing less from two such comprehensively national bodies as the AA and OS.

Let us take Exmoor, which, with its mixture of wooded clefts and high spaces on a human scale, is among the best terrain for the middle-ofthe-road rambier. The greater route is a 59-mile circuit based on the coastal resort of Lynton. It runs clockwise, by way of Porlock, Winsford and Simonsbath, back up to Woody Bay and the spectacular coast road. One of the two walks given in this section begins at the car-park half a mile to the west of Liscombe village. Follow the road to Tarr Steps, a 17-span clapper bridge which dates back to medieval times. Walk downhill along the path next to the stream, which is soon joined by a bridleway. This is a brief section of the long-distance route known as the Two Moors Way. After Knaplock Wood, follow the lane as it bends to the right and passes the two farms of Knaplock and Higher Knaplock, then westwards towards Lakehead Combe. Turn left at the cattle grid, across a small stream, and head for the top of Winsford Hill.

Go east past the edge of the Punchbowl, then south for two miles, slightly to the east of the B3223. Cross the road and then the cattle grid on the Tarr Steps side road. For the final three-quarters of a mile, the way follows a footpath which forks away from the lane at Ashway Farm, the birthplace of Sir George Wil-liams, founder of the YMCA. • Walks and Tours, published by the Automobile Association and the Ordnance Survey, costs £19.95.

WEATHER EYE

THE cold northerly winds of the past week provide a timely reminder of the importance of knowing a little meteorology when walking in upland areas of Britain in early spring. It is easy to forget how much difference a couple of thousand feet in altitude can make.

In the early morning sunshine down in the valley, the snow on the highest hills has a picture-postcard quality, but a cold, unstable northerly airstream is at its least active at this time of day.

By mid-afternoon, sudden showers can boil up to produce blizzard conditions above 2,000ft in the Scottish mountains, Pennines, Lake deterioration of conditions at

District or Snowdonia. The reasons for this transformation are twofold. First, outbursts of arctic air spreading southwards are heated at low levels by their lengthy passage over relatively warm water, but remain cold aloft. So the cooling with altitude can be particularly rapid. Second. al-

during the night. But in the morning, as the sun warms the land, vigorous convection develops again to produce intense showers.

though over the sea there are

plenty of shower clouds, over

land this activity dies down

The sudden changes in the weather can lead to a dramatic

high level. If it is icy underfoot, then the combination of heavy snow, poor visibility and strong winds can turn a bracing walk into an arctic survival course. For those who fall in to the

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"shorts and stiletto brigade", a lack of proper equipment can: be hazardous. This means keeping an eye on the weather forecasts. Have adequate clothing to withstand short bursts of arctic weather, stick to the well-defined routes to avoid straying into danger during a white-out and, above all, heed all local warnings about the risks involved.

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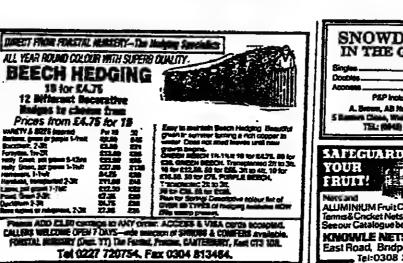


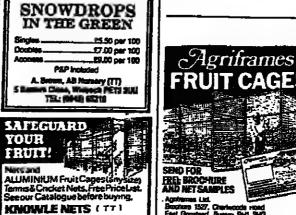


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OPENING NEXT WEEK

THEATRE

SAMPLE, BECKETT: A celebration of his fite and work, with Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Harold Pinter. Barry McGouern, Stephen Rea and Billia Wintersw. Profits go to a charity by the homeless. Charity for the homeless.

Owner, National Theatre, South
Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

Sanday, 7.30pm.

THE FIRE RAISERS: Circus Senso's Dusty Gedge leads in a new production of Max Frisch's somewhat surreal tale, using circus skills, mime, live music and dance. DOC Theatre Club, Duke of Cambridge, 64 Lawford Road, London, NW5 (01-485 4303). Opens Tues.

THE LAST ENGLISHMAN: Geraint Wyn Evans and Kate O'Mara as Hereward the Wake and his wife Tortyda; batting Ken Bones as William the Conqueror, in a new years to be a second to the conduction of the conduc play by David Pinner, who directs. Orange Tree, Kew Road, Richmond Surrey (01-940 3633). Preview Thurs. Opens Fri.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: BILL Alexander's production, with Roger Aliam and Susan Fleetwood opens the main-house season. RST, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Previews from Thurs. Opens April 10.

ROMEO AND JULIET: Fine Young us' lead singer Roland Gift. and Daphne Nayar, directed by Bill Homewood for Hull Truck Company, who will be visiting New "York and touring here. "Spring Street Theatre, Hull (0482 23638). Opens Tues.



Samuel Beckett: celebration

CONCERTS

MAGICAL SONG: Szymanowski's

London Philharmonic under Simon

Rattle. Fore and aft: Berlioz's Sara

Symphony No 9. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Today, 7.30pm.

DAVIES NO 2: As part of another

series, devoted to the works of

composer's Symphony No 2 is heard from the RPO under Jan

soprano) is heard in Mahler's

Kindertotenileder. Festival Hall. Monday, 7.30pm.

British Library/Stetan Zweig Series, Margaret Price (soprano)

sings an interesting programme

with Cornelius's Trauer und Trost.

Wagner's Wasendonck Lieder, 8 of Wolf's Mörike Lieder, 4 of Liszt's Goethe Lieder. Graham Johnson

(piano) accompanies. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St. London WI (01-935 2141). Tuesday.

SHOSTAKOVICH ARRANGED:

Prometheus, the Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Heinz

Holliger gives the UK pramiere of Rudolf Barshal's arrangement of Shostakovich's String Quartet No

3. Then Gidon Kremer solos in

ethoven's Violin Concerto.

Barbican Centre, Silk St, London

(01-638 8891). Thursday, 7.45pm.

After playing excerpts from Beethoven's ballet music for

Latham Koenig. But first comes

Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture and Florence Quivar (mezzo

Peter Maxwell Davies, this

Symphony No 3, the magically beautiful "Song of the Night," Is

heard from John Mitchinson (tenor), London Voices and the

la Bargneuse and Schubert's

CINEMA

ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (15): Paul Mazursky's delightful, bittersweet version of the Isaac Bashevis Singer novel about a Holocaust survivor's complicated love life. Ron Silver, Anjetica Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). From Fri.

GEORGETTE MEUNIER (18): Chilling, highly-stylized German film about a small-town murderess; written and directed by Tania Stocklin and Cyrille Rey-Coquais. Everyman (01-435 1525). From

ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN (U): Disjointed, unappealing cartoon fantasy about a low-life dog (voiced by Burt Reynolds) returning from the dead. Directed by Don Bluth. Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). From Fri.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12): Infantile comedy about an unmarried mum and her talking baby – a surprise hit in America. John Travolta, Kirstie Alley and the voice of Bruce Willis. Carnon Haymarket (01-839 1527).

COURAGE MOUNTAIN (U): Heidi's adventures during the First World War. Lame up-dating of Johanna Spyri's heroine, though the Swiss Alps look a picture. Juliette Caton, Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527).

SOCIETY (18): Obnoxious, zombiefilled horror yarn from Brian Yuzna, producer of From Beyond. Prince Charles (01-437 8181). From

MOTION AND ENOTION: The Films of Wim Wenders: British documentary about the German film maker, with a group of colleagues sharing their thoughts, and scattered insights and cliches from Wenders hims ICA Cinematic (01-930 0493) from

THE RESCUERS (U): Disney cartoon from 1977, uneasily poised between old studio traditions and contemporary urban satire. Worth seeing, though, for Orville the albatross, the one-man airline. Warner West End (01-439 0791), Cannon Oxford Street (01-630 0310). From Frt.

DANCE

MONTREAL: British debut, Their

first week's programme includes

Ebony Concerto, by John Cranko,

to music which Stravinsky wrote

for Woody Herman, and Canadian

choreographer Brian Macdonald's Big Band to Stan Kenton. Sedler's Wells (01-278 8916). Tues

ROYAL BALLET: MacMillan's new

afternoon and evening, Mon and

DAVID MASSINGHAM: His small

modern company opens a new arts

London season ends today with two performances of an attractively

varied triple bill. From Mon, touring

Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford (0483 60191).

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE

Cornedy in Liaisons Amoureuses and love among the horses in

Lipizzaner. New Theatre Cardiff (0222 394844). Today. Theatre Royal

SCOTTISH BALLET: Balanchine's

Who Cares? to music by Gershwin

is the highlight of a programme including his Scotch Symphony and a new staging of Petipa's Paquita by Oleg Vinogradov, New Theatre, Hull, (0482-226655),

today, Theatre Royal Newcastle (091-2322061) Tue to April 7.

Bath (0225 448844).

Tues to April 7.

Prince of the Pagodas this

Wed; Giselle returns to the

Covent Garden (01-249 1066).

The Maltings, Berwick-upon-Tweed (0289 330999), Wed.

LONDON CITY BALLET: The

again with *La Traviata*. Sadier's Wells (01-278 8916).

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to April 14.

repertoire Thurs.

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OPERA

OPERA NORTH: First night tonight (7.15pm) of Verdi's Jerusalem, in its first British production. Paul Daniel conducts, cast led by Janice Caims and Arthur Davies. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Revival of John Cox's production of Die Meistersinger on Tues and Fri (5.30pm) is conducted by Christoph von Dohnanyi with cast including Felicity Lott and Hermann Prey Covent Garden, (01-240 1066). ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: David Pountney's new production of Verdi's Macheth opens on Thurs (7.30pm), conducted by Mark Finer Cast includes Kristine Clasinski and Jonathan Summers. Tonight, Tues and Fri (7.30pm), Prokoflev's The Gambler. London WC2 (01-836 3161).

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Arrives in Bristol with their new, orchestrally resplendent Der Rosenkavaller, conducted by Andrew Greenwood on Wed and Set April 7 at 6.30pm. Der Franchiller trauelle Coning Thurse Freischütz tonight, Cosi on Thurs and Barber on Fri, all at 7.15pm. Hippodrome, Bristol (0272

OPERA 80: Heavy-handed production on Tuesday of *The Merry Widow*, Heather Lorimer and the young cast work hard to salvage some semblance of style. On Wednesday, Opera 80 offers a compact, visually striking production of Lucia di Lammermoor, which nevertheless overstretches its young cast. Theatre Royal, Lincoln (0522 525555), 7.30pm, £6.50-29.

held the nation agog in the last months of the Second World War. Lloyd is a Hammersmith stripper longing for glamour and excitement. Enter Chicago - an American deserter who fans her imagination by posing as a gangster supervising operations in London. Together they embark on a wild crime spree. "Can I sit in the front on the way back?" Lloyd blithely asks after their pointless killing of a taxi driver. At least Chicago Joe (Kiefer

fter honing her American accent in Cookies

and in Country, Emily Lloyd returns to a

British story in Chicago Joe and the Showeirl

- a chilling drama about a bizarre crime case that

Sutherland) sweats with guilt, though he gets executed just the same. This curious affair was first exhumed by screenwriter David Yallop in the 1970s as a project for the BBC. Its bleakness made financiers nervous, then the Working Title company (responsible for My Beautiful Laundrette and Lloyd's debut film Wish You Were Here, loosely based on the early life of Cynthia Payne) took it on board. The director is Bernard Rose, a rising talent previously responsible for Paperhouse; he wields the fantasy style with a heavy hand at times, though you cannot shrug off the film lightly. Odeon West End (01-930 5252), from Friday, certificate 18. Geoff Brown

GALLERIES



The champ: John Hoyland GEORG BASELITZ: 18 new paintings by a highly-paid and influential German artist and teacher whose leitmotif is upsidedown figures. Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London

W1 (01-499 4100), From Wed. THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN EXPERIENCE: The 50th anniversary of the air battle is commemorated in tableaux, paintings, photographs and sruhival material as well as with the mircraft (hamselves. RAF Museum, Hendon, London (01-200 1783). From Wed.

TREASURES OF THE PRINTS AND DRAWINGS COLLECTION: Rembrandt, Michelangelo and Giovanni Bellini are included in en all-star line-up. British Museum, London WC1 (01-636 1555), From today.

MARIO SIRONI: Posters for Fiat from 1930-60 by a graphic artist who has contributed variously to Futurist and Fascist styles.
Design Museum, London SE1 (01-403 6933). From Tues.

ohn Hoyland is reigning British champion of abstract painting and printmaking

His works command respect from reviewers, even those tending to be suspicious of abstraction, and among non-representational artists he is a god, his every brushstroke examined minutely and discussed in the exclusive jargon of formalist art criticism. Overhearing such language the uninitiated would never suspect how easy it is to get in tune with work like Hoyland's. Certainly some additional effort is essential But the key to appreciation is contained in the artist's own exhortation to feel through your eyes. Once, when talking about his hope of achieving "energy, radi-ance, colour and volume without being in any way illustrational" And he has also stated that the feelings his paintings attempt to speak of are "enjoyment, love of life, fear of death, pleasure, passion, sensuality, voluptuousness, sex, drink". During his long career, he is now 56, he has experimented with most printmaking processes from lithograph and monoprint to etching and screenprint. This lesser-known aspect of his work is, from Wednesday, the subject of a retrospective at Austin Desmond Fine Art, 15A Bloomsbury Square, London, (01-242 4443), Mon-Fri 10.30am-6.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until April 26. David Lee

JAZZ

RALPH SUTTON: Essential stride plano from the co-founder of the World's Greatest Jazz Band. embarking on a lengthy UK tour. Drumkeen Hotel, Betfast (0232 322925) Wed: Farmer's Club, Cambridge (0223 62086) Fri. EUROPEAN JAZZ QUINTET: Opening dates by the austere multirational unit, now including the italian trumpeter Enrice Rava. Exeter & Bevon Arts Centre (0392 219741) Fri; Phoenix Arts Centre, Leicester (0533 555627) Sat; Midlands Arts Centre, Elimingham (2014 403938) Sun April 8. (021 4463838) Sun, April 8.

CEDAR WALTON: Ex-Blakey planist with a conventional hard bop quartet. Support from the sh pienist-band leader Stan Tracey. Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1

(01-439 0747) Mon to Set 14. ROBERTO PLA: The Colombian percussionist leads one of London's most vivacious live banos. 100 Club, London W1 (01-636 0933) FrL:

ramophone magazine once praised a performance by saxophonist John Harle as "the most beautiful alto-playing since Johnny Hodges". A touch hyperbolic, some might think, but it reflects the esteem in which Harle is held both here and in the United States. One of those instrumentalists who is happy to cross back and forth between the worlds of jazz, classical and rock music, he embarks on a seven-date tour in Chekenham on Thursday, Apart from jazz material such as Gil Evans's "Las Vegas Tango",



High esteem: John Haed Harle will be exhibiting his juggling skills in a permit which will run fro. At the Gaye's "Sexual Healf was to bussy's Syrinx" Inseen the he will be accompany a ful-pianist John Leng area, for pair will be in act which includes champions of synthesizers and hey may yet mon Limbrick abundation in classical highlightens for other Benjamin Britter Thirty-one Ravel's "Habaner yet Wright's reconstructed prowork is still there is even a plai, while his Purple's "Peter dees trying to Opening dates: Che

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PHOTOGRAPHY

TWE PEOPLE'S PALACE: 150 photographs, from 1880 to the present day, featuring London's Fulham Palace. The palace, once the home of the Bishop of London. and, in parts, dating back several hundred years, has been largely unused since the turn of the century. Pictures on display amount to a mini-history of photographic techniques, as well as a document of the recent refurbishment of the buildings. which have given the palace a new

ROCK

THE MOTTING HILLBILLIES Mark Knopfler's Antiques Roadshow.
Assembly Rooms, Tunbridge Wells
(0892 30613) Mon; Civic Hall,
Guildford (0483 444555) Tues;
Hexagon, Reading (0734 591591)
Wed; Civic Hall, Aylesbury (0296
86009) Thurs; Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851) Fri.

YAN MORRISON: Irascible Caltic troubsdour touting a new compilation, The Best of Van Morrison.

NEC, Birmingham (U21 7804133) Wed; Wembley Arona (01-902 1234) Thurs. ADAMSKI: Virtually the only readily identifiable star to have emerged from the Acid House rave scene.

SECC, Glasgow (041 2483060) today; Royal Court, Liverpool (051 7094321) Fri. LES NEGRESSES VERTES: Hyperactive 13-piece French troups with a raffish brand of Mictro-rai funion.

Town & Country, London NW6 (01-284 0303) Wed, Thurs. HAVANA SAM: Ex-Clash busselet Paul Simonon's new group. Hibernian, London SW6 (01-365)

9965) Thurs. GAVIN FRIDAY AND THE MAN SEEZER: Arty, post-Jacques Bref

inglists. Zap, Brighton (0273-821588) Tues; Electric Cinema, London W11 (01-792-2020) Wed, Thurs.

THE CRAMPS: Slight return of the high-kitsch "psychobility" warnora led by the deranged duo of Lux interior and Poison by Rorschach. Town & Country, London NW5 (01-284 0303) Tomorrow.

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ANTIQUE DESCOVERY DAYS: Popular outings for anyone wishin-to get their antiques valued by Sotheby's experts, who also accept items for auction, Mon, Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, Kent. 10.30am-3.30pm, in-aid of the Kent Association of Boys' Clubs. Tues, Civic Hall, Guildford, 10am-1.30pm.-Fri at St Paul's School, Lonsdale Road, Sames, London 10.30pm-3.30pm in aid of Star and Garter Homes.

SPIRING PLOWER SHOW: For horticularists and gardeners, especially those with a particular interest in camellus, daffocils and ornamental plants. Royal Horticultural Society Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat St, London SW1 (01-834 4333). Tuesday 1 lam-7pm, Wednesday 10am-5pm, Tuesday £2.50, Wednesday £1.50. Members free.

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BRIDGE

f the Wandering Jew had been a bridge player, he would have found it a lot easier to settle down. The game is an ideal way to integizte with a host community, as career diplomats, corporate tetrarchs and other modern rolling stones will testify.

Two weeks ago, a group of Parliamentarians paid a visit to Stockholm to strengthen their links with the Riksdag, which has a flourishing bridge club. It was unsurprising that quite a number of expatriates were keen to get in on the act.

Captained by the Duke of Atholl, who was partnered by Lord Smith, the Parliamentarians beat both the Riksdag and the expatriates. A star performance by the Precisionsystem-playing Labour MPs, Marek and Lewis Moonie, served notice that they are going to be hard to beat in this company.

The Indian Ambassador, Pushkar Johari, has found that bridge smooths the way in many parts of the world, including Hanoi and Addis Ababa as well as London and Washington. His reasoning as South in this deal was incisive: Dealer West. East-West vulnerable.

West led a spade, the king

won, and the ace and king of trumps were taken, West discarding on the second round. What now? To draw trumps would

invite an avalanche of clubs, should the diamond finesse fail. To take the finesse now is better, but still risky, as East may be able to put his partner in for a ruff, as happened at the other table.

The solution is simply to play off the ace of diamonds. If it isn't ruffed, you are home, for you can force out the king and can cope with any return,

Playing the ace was most enjoyable, as it brought forth East's singleton king - and cries of "Hold your cards up, Atholip David Herman, the new

president of Saab, is an American and a veteran of previous foreign assignments. He han-dled this deal in the manner of a first-class player. Dealer South. Both sides

vulnerable. ♥ 104 ◇ K9863 ◆ A10764 W E 7 A 8 6 3 2 3 5 2 4 8 ● 7 ♥ QJ952 ♦ Q104 ● QJ52 ♦ AKQ954 ♥ K7 • A7 • K93

W N 3≎ No West led the queen of hearts, East playing the 8. Herman won and took two rounds of spades, West discarding a club on the

second round. How should

South continue?

This is a besic situation. Declarer is one short of his contract and dare not develop any suit, as the defenders would cash a fatal number of tricks. There remains one resource: to exit in the opponents' suit and hope for a

> SQUEEZE, You should do this even if you know little or nothing about squeezes, as a squeeze may develop all by itself.

After the disappointment in spades, Herman duly exited with a heart. The defenders took their winners and West including three rounds of was left on play in this position:

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West exited correctly with the queen of diamonds, but South won in hand and cashed the queen of spades, forcing West to throw a diamond. Dummy gave up a club and East followed suit to the

Now South played off the A-K of clubs, squeezing East and establishing a trick in whichever suit he discarded. Had the defenders not cashed their hearts, the contract would have failed. Again, you don't have to be erudite to

avoid this. You simply take the position that a declarer who offers you the chance to cash winners is unlikely to be doing so wholly out of the kindness of

Albert Dormer

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(Downing College)
D. Agnos (Heritord) beat
S. D. Singh (Queen's).
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M. Hazelton (St Anne's) drew with
D. Lee (Trinity)
M. Graves (Keble) lost to A. Baker
[Emmanuel]
Anna Jillings (St Hilds's) lost to

City solicitors Watson, Far-

ley & Williams, which already

sponsors the annual grand-

master tournament which

gives opportunities to young

British players, covered the

expenses of the Varsity match

and offered a splendid post-

match dinner for the two sides

White: J. Wilson; Black: D.

He should not invite dou-

bled pawns. 8 Bd2 is stronger.

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and their supporters.

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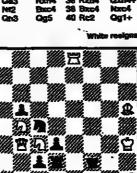
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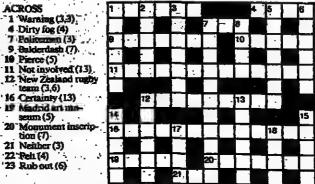
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SHOPPING

Thai treasure trove

Nicole Swengley discovers a

hidden London warehouse full of Eastern delight

> The name Remote is appropriate for the hard-to-find treasure house in west London which sells of decorative accespramics, furniture and em Thailand, But it's trek in terms of value for money. warehouse is the we Charles, the behind Paris andon's classiest ch he started on a rayer with £200 en-unfashionable

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ve lifestyle but one alanced between east est; it's not overly Mr Charles says. ic furnishings aren't just they mix so well with mporary and antique ture. After all, chinoiscrie een with us for hundreds ars. What is important is way in which people put

Among Remote's wates are are raw silk from Cambodia, colonial chairs, metal fur-



Merchants of the exotic: Steve Charles (left) and Charlie Smith amid the decorative furniture, fabrics and carvings from the East

architectural pieces such as beaten metal and rattan chair carved columns, and appealing animal figures. Mr Charies also has an eye

for the eccentric; large wooden frogs which double as seats. painted wooden cart sides with tiny mirrors which he sells as bedheads, and huge, carved tree roots whose use niture incorporating mosaics, defies description. A simple,

costs £130. Copies of ornate, carved French mirrors cost £500. The ceramics range from African to Aztec in style and from £18 to £250. Handloomed 100 per cent cotton cours £8,50 a metre

Already commercial clients are latching on to Remote's potential for one-stop shop-

ping. Bramley Court, a 32-bedroom hotel near Guildford, Surrey, has been kitted out with rattan bedheads, side-tables, curtains, accessories, and large decorative pieces for the foyer.

But it's not only interior designers who plunder Remote. "Everyone who comes here buys something, even the

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delivery van chaps," Mr

Smith says, adding proudly:

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candlesticks in our first fort-

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Iron pots of good taste

Even in today's hi-tech kitchens. traditional cast-

iron cookware is still a favourite

f the foodie forecasts are correct we will all be tucking into peasant-style dishes in the Nineties. Stews, cassoulets, unusual soups and organic vegetable-based recipes with rice, quinoa or buckwheat ... all seem set to tempt us away from the filo pastry parcels and nouvelle cuisine we enjoyed in the Eighties (Nicole Swengley writes).

Cooking these healthy, bearty meals calls for cast-iron cookware of the kind that the French company Le Creuset has been making for more than 60 years, Even in these days of hi-tech kitchens cast iron performs as brilliantly as in the Middle Ages.

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Le Creuset's Tradition range is best known for its distinctive volcanic orangecoloured casserole dishes and wooden-handled saucepans, which can be used on any heat source and taken directly to the table, where they will keep hot for some time. This range is now also available in cerise, white, slate blue, dark blue, green and hazelnut.

Last year, the company launched a new range for the first time in 30 years. Le Creuset Vitrobase comprises new shapes which incorporate wide pouring lips on saucepans and new contoured, antislip, dishwasher-proof handles capable of withstanding oven





Le Creuset's new blue casserole (top) and traditional version

445°F/gas mark 8. The new range also has smooth, heatresistant enamel bases for use on ceramic hobs and induction cookers. It is available in volcanic orange, cerise, blue and white.

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The Master golfer's guide to the Augusta course

Nick Faldo tells
Mitchell Platts
about the perils

of playing at
Augusta

What struck Nick Faldo the first time he saw Augusta National was the sheer beauty of the place. That was 11 years ago. He returns there next week to defend his Masters championship in the first of the four major golf tournaments of 1990.

"I know that first year I did not learn all I needed to know to play the course," Faldo said. "But I was immediately taken by its beauty. I can remember going out the first time, standing on the second tee and feeling as if I was in a giant garden.

"You think you can walk out there and play the place normally. Instead, you get into all kinds of knots, and those knots are difficult to unravel. You stand on a tee and think: 'I know exactly where I've got to hit this'. But choose the wrong line, as invariably you do when first you play Augusta, and you can easily lose 30 yards. And that 30 yards becomes so important as you realize that huge though the greens are, there are flat spots on which it is imperative to land the ball to ease the strain

on your putting.
"You've got to know your route. You've got to know what to do and to be positive about it. The margin of error is minute, especially on the inward half."

Here is Faldo's analysis of the last nine holes, where championships are won and lost

HOLE 10

One of the prettiest but potentially the most punishing. That was proved last year with the average, per hole, per player, being 4.22. The key is to ensure you hook the drive from the tee in front of Bobby Jones's cottage so that it rolls far enough to finish in a swale. You will see some very long drives here. The approach with a four to a six-iron is to a green which slopes from right to left, looks flat but has all manner of breaks in it. You must use the driver to reach that swale. If you fail then even from the fairway you will almost certainly have a downhill, sidehill lie. You cannot hit the approach up too quickly because first you must start the ball out low so as to negotiate the overhanging

HOLE 11

This is the famous "bail-out" hole. We all seem to stand on the tee, rip the ball out there and then stick the second to the right of the green. Last year, I hit the target to win the play-off here but, earlier in the day, my drive hit one of the pines and finished only 150 yards from the tee. But many approaches do finish in that area from where Larry Mize chipped in. It has been that way since 1950 when the creek was dammed to form the pond on the left which is an obvious distraction. It is an extremely well designed hole. The slopes are all correct. If they put the pin to the left and you hit to the right then you have a downhill, curling putt. If you miss to the right, a poorly hit recovery will kick away. I try to drive down the middle for a better view then work the approach off the shoulder of the green into the flag. Last year by the play-off the wind and rain was coming from the right. I aimed 10 feet to the right and the wind blew it back

HOLE 12

This is the second of the trio of holes known as Amen Corner and you need to say your prayers on the green, which, as we all know, is guarded by Rae's Creek and two bunkers at the back. It is a very clever

green because the landing area, wherever they put the pin, is so small. The green is small by Augusta standards and yet there are really three little greens within a green. Imagine a circle of around 15 to 18 feet in circumference and that is your target. If you pull or push the ball ever so slightly then you will leave yourself a long, teasing putt or even miss the green altogether.

HOLE 13 Just where you aim with the

driver depends entirely on how you are feeling. There are three pine trees to use as a guide — the right one is the safe line, the middle one a touch more aggressive and the one to the left represents the tiger line. If you can hook the drive off that line then you can get the ball to run all the way get the bail to run all the way round the wooded, creek-guarded corner as the hole dog-legs to the left. Then you could be going in with as little as a five-iron although the strategy of taking the tiger line is fraught with danger. If you play conservatively then you the second shot by laying up short of the creek which crosses in front of the green. It is not really the percentage shot to stand there with a fairway wood on a steep lie and fire the ball first over the creek then get it to stop on the green. I did go in there with a three-wood in the last round and I hit my shot of the day. It carried the creek, landed softly and the ball rolled to within 12 feet of the cup.

HOLE 14

You have got to draw from right to left again, following the line of the pine trees, only this time you can do so with a three-wood. It is necessary to

fours and par fives at Augusta but not here. If you shape the shot correctly then you should be going in with anything between a six and a nine-iron. The spectacular green has a mega-slope from left to right so you've got to know where the flat spots are and try to land the ball on the one which is on the correct side of the hole from which to putt. If you miss the flat spot then the ball can roll 60, 70 feet away. I hit a very good shot with a six-iron on the last day last year to the back left, finishing five feet away for a birdie. The green is one of the quickest; long putts are curling, evil ones.

use a driver at most of the par

UOT E 16

It's a gamble. You can stand on the tee and try to belt the living daylights out of it. The line is a fraction left of centre. Then comes the shot; possibly a four-wood or a long iron. If you miss it then you'll come up short in the water. If you hit it too hard then you can go in the water, too, because, although rarely seen on TV, there is water beyond the green. Go over the green, anyway, and you have an impossible chip back. You can lay up in two but it leaves you with one of those pitches which can spin back into the water. Overall I think 13 is a

better par five.

HOLE 16

In theory it all comes down to

the green, and where they put the pin, because in my opinion you've got to mishit the tee shot to finish in the water. As a rule they put the pin to the left on the last day although I think that a slightly easier target than when it is to the right. There is a big ridge running from front right to back right so with the hole cut just above that you can have only an eight or 10-foot zone in which to land the ball. If you push it then the ball will kick right, leaving you perhaps only 20 feet away but snookered, and if you pull it then it will roll left so finishing 40 feet or so down the hill. When the pin is to the left then you can aim marginally to the right and then let the natural contours of the green take the ball down towards the cup. On the green, watch for the breaks of the putts; I holed from 18

HOLE 17

feet before it disappeared.

feet for a birdie in the last

round and the ball broke six

You smash the drive over two trees, one known as Ike's tree which has truly grown and spread over the years, that encroach the fairway and then go into the green with anything between a six and a nineiron. The approach can be made trickier by the wind which blows round from the tee at the 18th and can knock down what looks a good approach so leaving the ball in the front bunker. The green is another of the big, sloping variety so you've got to land the ball in the right place or run the risk of it rolling into three-putt territory. I was in all the wrong places lest was all the wrong places last year and if I had not holed my 30footer for a birdie then the ball was going so fast that I would probably have finished fourth. I knew when it went in that I was going to win.

HOLE 18

This is a very good finishing hole. You've been drawing shots all the way round and now, suddenly, as you look up the hill you've got to fade it off the tee. And the driving channel, with branches overhanging from either side, is very narrow. The shot in normal weather conditions is with a three-wood so that you don't reach the bunkers on the left which were developed so as to stop big-hitters going way left for safety. The hole plays quite long up the hill and you can need a three-iron if the pin is on the back. But if it's on the front, and you've hit a good tee shot, then it is likely to be a seven-iron. You can't see the bottom of the pin but that is OK here. As I said, it is a question of doing your

What Cambridge dons.



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Time to pull in the same direction

THE most invaluable incident to befall the Boat Race in recent years was in 1984, when Cambridge rammed a stationary barge and sank. The following day, more than 12 million television viewers watched the re-run: and the sponsors, metaphorically speaking, triumphantly threw their chairman

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This national event, our annual trip up the river, is only grudgingly acknowledged by some of the non-Oxbridge rowing fraternity as the best publicity their sport receives in the year. It thrives on controversy. Indeed, you could say it depends on controversy for survival, and never more so now that television coverage is open to exclusivity. Oxford domination, bordering on the boring, is worrying even Oxford, never
mind Duncan Clegg, the organizer.
Controversy is Putney's champagne. The first skirt on the

Tideway, diminutive, tacitum Sue Brown's, attracted curious television crews from New York and Tokyo. Rip Van Winkle Rankov's



six Oxford races outraged many purists, but not the PR man. The American mutiny of 1987 matched the footlights pique of Heseltine's resignation and delighted Dan Topolski's bank manager. And last year, right on eve-of-race deadline cue, the Oxford coach called Cam-

bridge's coxwainess "useless". What we have today, in what is expected to be an extension of Oxford's run of 14 victories in 16 races, is an umpire who is liable, if provoked, to disqualify a crew for the first time this century. That would not only be good for the ratings (electronic) but for the esoteric interests of the race.

Last year, there were three ver-sions of where lay the proper course: Cambridge's, Oxford's and the umpire's. There is supposed to be only one. The umpire, Ronnie Howard,

had transparently failed, on the briefing run up the course two days previously, to teach the two lady drivers the highway code. He issued 19 warnings on race day but no disqualification during more col-lisions than in a stock-car event.

Mike Sweeney, who umpires today for the fourth time, was Cambridge president, opposing Clegg for Oxford, 24 years ago. In his briefing, he made his view emphatically clear to Watts and Ross Magenty, the two coxes. They were reminded of the disqualification, on the finishing line, of Durham University in the Visitors final at Henley in 1981; the red flag is today there to be used.

is today there to be used.

"If I warn them, it's irrelevant
what their opinion is," Sweeney,
says. "If they respond, fine. If not,
they're in trouble, They have a clear
idea of my view of the line. I would,
not be umpiring if I was not
prepared to act. I think on Thursday we went as far as we could towards one interpretation instead of three."
Although Beefeater, with a new

three-year sponsorship contract worth £250,000, would doubtless welcome the furore of a dis-qualification, and are looking for ways to expand the scope for "executive spectating" at an event that it is not possible to witness live and static for more than 30 quickly-passing seconds, the BBC remains the Boat Race's and the sponsor's greatest friend.

After over 40 years' priceless promotion of the event, Clegg and the BBC have signed a new five-year deal, which is the key factor in the commercial equation of the race. But Jonathan Martin, BBC's Head of Sport, says: "Who can tell what the position will be in five years. We've been competitive [commercially], and think we pay a fair price [£50,000 annually] in view of the huge cost of technical coverage from Putney to Mortlake. But we've never taken for granted a continuing future."

Clegg might be able to sell to a higher bidder another time, but it is doubtful if the race would retain

national event with any other channel. The BBC has never at-tempted to "hype" the recurring controversies, leaving them to speak for themselves as news events. There is a respect for the intrinsic qualities of the race itself which is not always to be found

What the race does need is a marked improvement in the cour-tesy of some of the oarsmen towards those publicizing their exclusive day out. Oxford, maybe through continual success, have a slightly supercilious attitude, ill-suited to their search for £500,000 towards a new

They again have a potentially brilliant crew, only half of them, for a change, over-age. Searle, Ob Holzer and Pinsent, all under 21, represent the best of British international rowing, one of the country's foremost sports in performance. Let us hope if today's result is predictably boring, the victors' attitude is magnanimous.

Cambridge apathy attacked by coach

salvo was fired at the Cambridge rowing establishment yesterday by their own coach, Mark Lees. He spoke of "arrogauce and apathy" within the university and admitted his crew had little

"It's like Barnet taking on Nottingham Forest at soccer that's the sort of chance we've got," Lees said. He was "fed that Oxford - winners in 13 of the last 14 contests continually attracted the top rowers from public schools. They are able to pick three internationals in their crew.

chance today.

Of course they are the favourites," he said. "There is a lot of arrogance and apathy in the Cambridge camp. "Some of the old Blues think you can just pick any old eight to compete. They show

work to watch training on the Lees is in the second year or

a three-year contract with Cambridge. "I'll see how things go before deciding what to do after that," he said. "At least there are signs that things are improving slowly, and we're beginning to approach the leading rowers at school with a view to them coming to Cambridge if they are academically good enough. Our president has done a lot of good work there. I hope this will be the last year of talent we've missed." Lees believes Cambridge's main chance of a shock triumph today lies with

His opposite number, Steve Royle, countered: "I'm glad to bear they're talking about us having all the top talent. It no interest. A lot of them have just crawled out of the woodsuits me they're making up

Oxford's preparation.

Cool Gower waits his turn while Greenidge strikes

makeshift teams on tour before. Occasionally, they have even recruited from the travelling press but seldom, if ever, can such feverish interest have been created by a man making up the numbers, as occurred here yesterday.

The circumstances were unusual, to say the least Last summer's England captain had been dismissed from office and stripped of his place far from the surface. To see him back so soon, answering an emergency as the new captain was immobilized, is the stuff of soap operas.

David Gower appeared to take it all in his lenguid stride. This is his way. You may take however, that there was richty goldg on de greying curis. The chance of retrieving his Test career quite so rapidly was, in his own understated vernacular, very good news.

Gower abandoned his seat hade me in the press box to take the offered place in England's team against Barhados, as soon as he was confident that an hour's batting in the nets on Thursday atternoon had not adversely affected his old shoulder

Nobody put pressure on Gower in this peculiar simetion. It was, for him, an

ENGLAND have put out optional net, though for a considerable crowd of media and tourists it was compulsive viewing. Later in the evening. he telephoned Allan Lamb, Graham Gooch's deputy as captain, and said he would

> And so, yesterday, morning, the England team bus was required to make a detour to the hotel where the press party is billeted, collecting Gower and transporting him back into the environment he had not expected to re-enter until stating his claim rather more

By coincidence, it is only because Gower's new county, Nampshire, selected Barbados as their pre-season practice venue that he has been able to prolong his trip. Depending on what he achieves over the weekend, he may well not be linking up with his new teammates until he has added to his Test caps.

Those who came to Kensington Oval with Gower versus Marshall in mind were to be disappointed. Lamb won the toes and asked a Barbados side, including five Test players, to bet first.

Only Moseley, of the luminaries in this island squad, stood down from the game, presumably in the belief that he had done enough to retain his Test place. But if Barbados were close to full strength. England's team was a curious

affair, missing both specialist opening batsmen and all three front line seam bowlers.

Their dwindling resources will be reinforced tomorrow by the arrival of David Smith and, as things stand, it remains more likely that Smith, rather than Gower, will go struight into the Test team, This, however, will alter appreciably if Gower can overcome his lack of practice

and make runs today.

For England's second-string bowling attack, there were no cheap profits on offer yes-terday. None of the Barbados top three - Greenidge, Haynes and Best - seemed inclined to treat the occasion as anything less than valuable Test match preparation.

In a freshly painted ground, of English supporters were evident, Haynes made only nine before DeFreitas found a good ball pitching on off stump and going away, Bailey, the stand-in wicketkeeper. held a competent catch.

Lewis, however, had frustrating morning, overstep-ping 12 times in his first spell and putting down a sharp return catch to reprieve Greenidge, who quickly adopted the limp every bowler has come to dread and proceeded to his half-century in 96 minutes.

More cricket: page 50



Souness calls for an end to complacency

THE dictates of live television coverage, already familiar in England, mean that the leading premier division contest originally scheduled for this afternoon, between Rangers and Celtic at Ibrox, has been deferred until tomorrow to suit the satellite subscribers.

The match would have been a much less captivating prospect had Rangers been able to maintain the mid-season form which carried them far ahead of the chasing pack. However, the defending champions have not won any of their last six matches, a sequence which extends back to February 3, when they beat Dundee United 3-1.

The Rangers' manager, Graeme Souness, has diagnosed the malaise as a premature onset of self-satisfaction. "Nobody here ever told them the championship was as good as won", he said yesterday. "But the media did and so did their friends and their relatives and maybe they even told each other. It's one thing to talk about what you're going to do and it's another thing to do it. "Now they have to do their talking out on the pitch and I hope that the game against Celtic will do the trick. They have not only been told that they have won nothing yet, and that they could end up with nothing if they don't pay attention to the job in hand.

Celtic, of course, contributed to Rangers' alump by inflicting a 1-0 defeat at Parkhead in the third round of

the Scottish Cup last month. The influential Rangers' trio of Ferguson, Gough and Steven reported minor injuries after international appear ances for Scotland and England, but have recovered and will play. Celtic may well field Andy Walker from the start, for he scored three goals for the reserves on Thursday. Mike Galloway, who played in the same match in order to restore his sharpness after a

three-week suspension, is also

likely to take part. The Edinburgh collision be rween Hibernian and Heart of Midlothian, at Easter Road, goes on today as planned Hibernian are the form side of the division, baving taken 11 points from their past six fixtures. Goram and Collins, who were excluded from Scot-land's midweek matches because of injury, have both recovered and will play for Hibernian, while for Hearts, McCreery has shaken off

virus infection. There is a match of great importance at Dens Park where Dundee, with six wins from seven fixtures, entertain Aberdeen, a team desperate to apply pressure to Rangers. Connor, absent through injury last week, will play for Aberdeen while Dundee are unchanged.
Dunfermline are at home to

Dundee United, who will be without Malpas and O'Neill for the rest of the season, the former because of a damaged knee and the Irishman as the result of glandular fever.

Brealey to remain. in control

By Ian Ross

REG Brealey, the chairman of Sheffield United, has abanunned his controversial plan in sell a controlling interest in the club to Sam Hashimi, an Iraqi-born businessman. Brealey's decision, an-

nounced yesterday, was so unexpected that it can only be construed as one borne out of a desire to re-establish a measure of stability at a time when the club is well placed to win promotion.

"I think that you can asume I shall be here for some inte yet. I am determined to nd this affair in the best aterests of the club," Brealey

March 5, that he had . d to sell his 63 per cent ... holding to Hashimi for a ere in excess of £6 million. adely condemned. Woolhouse, a member , heard and the club's

Lirgest shareholder unced that he had suftheal backing to lodge nediate counter bid. h Haslam, the son of Haslam, a former mander indicated that he ... to make an offer for dans in an attempt Hashimi takeover. Hear that Brealey, upon ront a business trip was informed that possibly four, of his cicciors would con-- ...ring their resigna-

the Hashimi deal to indicated that he onsider selling his the foresecable suddenly all these and they need careful ... " he said.

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Aintree hospitality problems

By John Goodbody

A LEADING corporate hospitality company is having difficulties in providing a satisfactory service for about 300 people at the Grand National

at Aintree next Saturday.

Maceworth, which failed to produce tickets for almost 400 clients for the England v Wales Rugby Union inter-national at Twickenham in February 1988, was yesterday being assisted by a leisure company based in the same Chelsea building.

An official of that company, Falcon Leisure, confirmed: We are helping them out because they have problems." However, he declined to identify how serious the problems were or answer any more questions. When asked if The

Times could speak to some- accommodated at Aintree in one from Maceworth, he replied:"There is no one

Maceworth is planning to entertain 300 people in a tented village at Aintree for the most famous steeplechase on the racing calendar.

John Parrett, the managing director of Aintree, said: "We have heard rumours about the difficulties of one firm. However, no hospitality company that has booked facilities on the course is in difficulties."

As with many major sport-ing events like Wimbledon and the Open golf championship, there are the official and unofficial corporate hospitality companies operating at the Grand National. There are will 5,000 people

corporate hospitality packages, with several thousand more in facilities in the neighbourhood. Aintree itself runs 80 per

cent of the official packages with the remaining 20 per cent given to leading companies like Keith Prowse. All these clients automatically receive badges to the course.

Parrett stressed that if anyone had any doubts about whether a company had facilities on the course, they had only to phone Aintree to

in February Maceworth had advertised a £249 (plus VAT) hospitality package, including lunch and a champagne reception in a marquee on the Harlequins

England v Wales match. In its brochure, Maceworth had used quotes from Derek Thompson, the Channel 4 racing presenter, and from Bill McLaren, the BBC commentator, praising its

However, McLaren said that he had never given his permission to be used, although Maceworth insisted that he had. Just before the match, cli-

ents discovered that no tickets were available and nearly 400 people had to watch the game

At the time, Charles Tatnall, a director of Maceworth, said that the usual supplier of tickets

Hendry's slump continues

five titles this season and is joint favourite at 9-4 with Steve Davis, the defending champion, to win the Em-bassy world championship another snooker. next month. Jimmy White, however, underlined Hendry's sudden slump last night with an emphatic 5-2 victory to reach today's Benson and Hedges Irish Masters semifinals at Goffs, Co. Kildare.

Hendry and White are the most exciting players the game has to offer, so fireworks were expected. In the event it all fizzled out like a damp squib with White saying "Stephen played badly, I played badly, it was garbage."

Both players had the world championship too much in mind, and wandering minds lead to squandering chances, give me the boost I need

STEPHEN Hendry has won White won the third frame by virtue of a fluked snooker on the final blue, and the fourth by porting the last red out of

> He missed the final yellow, however, when he had a chance to put Hendry out of his misery in the sixth frame, but the reprieve was shortlived, with White producing the only half-century break of the match, a 60, for victory. White said: "I had no

confidence in my cue-tip. It has gone like a rock and I'm going to change it but that was still the worst snooker I've ever played and won. It's the first time I've come here with the world championship so much in mind and I think it's the same for everyone. I'd love to win this but it wouldn't

because I'm aiready really keyed up."

Hendry said: "I've got to be a bit concerned about the way I'm playing with the world championship coming up but I'll be practising intensely now and I'm sure I can get my game back by the time we go "I struggled in France, I struggled in the World Cup

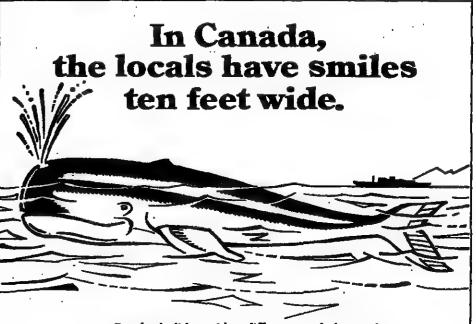
and now I've struggled here. I just hope that's over and done award winners were: with. I've been playing well all season and to suddenly start playing badly is a worry." The quarter-final between

Alex Higgins and Dennis Tay-lor has fuelled an enormous demand for tickets after the widely publicized row involving the pair in the World Cup. RESULTS: T Godfine (Wales) bt J Parrett (Eng), 5-3 Observer-finet: J White (Eng) or S rienery (Scot), 5-2.

Reporter's award for Goodbody

There was further recognition yesterday for The Times sports coverage with an award for John Goodbody, our sports news correspondent, in the British Sports Journalism Awards. The judges of the awards — organized by the Sports Council and the Sports Writers' Association and sponsored by Minet - commended Goodbody for his investigative works on the drugs problem". The other

Sports journaist of the year, Patrick Codins (Mail on Sunday), Sports testure sense, has a new (The Incorrownent, Sports regard to the Sunday) highly commanded, David Lacey (The Guardan's special award, Joe Journally, highly con draws (Shelfleid S een (Manch



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The Times reports on the ups and downs of the national teams trying to reach the Davis Cup semi-finals this weekend

Czech tennis cash blow as state support ends

Prague DEFEAT in the Davis Cup against the US this weekend would deal another had blow to the uncertain finances of the Czechoslovak Tennis Association (CTA). Three days before the tie began, the CSTV, the central funding body for sport under the Communists, was abolished and with it went the guarantee of state support for tennis.

claims on the coffers of President Havel's hard-pressed government than continued success on the tennis court, and the uncomfortable truth is that tennis, like all other sports in Czechoslovakia, will have to learn to fend for itself very quickly.

International competitions like the Davis Cup and the Federation not only generate income in the form of prize money, gate receipts and sponsorship, they bring in foreign currency, a proportion of which the CTA is allowed to become its foreign currency. keep to finance its interdational teams.

In reaching the semi-finals of the Davis Cup last year, the CTA made half a million throw into the ring. With 11

VIENNA (Reuter) — Horst Skoff lost only two games against Diego Nargiso yesterday as he gave Austria a 1-0 lead over Italy in the opening singles of their Davis Cup world group quarter-final.

Skoff, ranked twentieth in the

world, 125 places above Nargiso, beat his left-handed opponent, 6-0, 6-0, 6-2, on the indoor clay of Vienna's Dusika

The rout was an inampicious start for the Italians, who surprisingly beat Sweden, 3-2, in

Nargiso, who beat Skoff in the

ANDREW LONGMORE. Tennis Correspondent, sends the second of two reports on the changing face of tennis in Czechoslovakia

dollars, roughly baif its annual budget. If they beat the US they will be in the semi-finals again, except that this year the players will be paid for playing, whereas earlier all prize money went to the CTA.

"It is such a paradox because we are all so happy at what has happened," Frantises Zleank, head couch at the CTA, says. "But the changes won't help sport. I don't now how our junior programmes will be funded because it will be difficult for clubs to find the money. They will either have to look for sponsors, which they are not used to, or start charging more for membership. It will be very messy for the next few

As East Germany has found out, the forces of the market

Nargiso held both his opening service games in the third set but then crumbled with the score at deuce in the fifth game on Skoff's service after a controver-sial line cult.

Thomas Muster, the Austrian No. 1, was due to play Paolo Cane in the second singles.

The winners of the tie will play Czechoslovakia or the United States in the semi-finals in Section here.

both singles matches against Japan in the opening round of the Asia-Occania zone.

Chandigarh, India won

men and women in the world, Czech coaches are highly valued, but their worth can only be truly reflected in dollars or Deutschmarks, not in koruna. At Prerov, the tennis centre which has produced a flow of top-100 players during the past six years, Peter Hutka, the head coach, pays his trainers a meagre £100 a

from my budget," he says. "I used to work as a coach in Vienna and I could make that amount in a day. Now we have to decide whether we are working for glory or for money. It's terrible."

Many have already taken the money. The national women's coach has gone West, Hutka's own assistant trainer has just taken a job in West Germany, and Petra Langrova, a product of the Prerov school and one of the ionals attached to the club, has decided to move to Switzerland. "It's not just the coaches," Michael Polak, secretary of the CTA, says. "It's the players. No one is playing in our tournaments here and

In Peking, China defeated the Philippines in both singles matches in their Asia-Oceania

Xia Jiaping overcame Roland So, 4-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 in a match which lasted 20 minutes abort of five hours, but the

second game was a no-contest, with Pan Bing defeating Danilo Pila, a last-minute replacement for Felix Barrientos, 6-0, 6-0, 6-

parents will now be chaining them to their desks. "Taking their children to termis costs a Austria seize the initiative lot of money. It is much safer and less expensive to study." "It is all very uncertain at the moment," Polak confirms. "Shuzo was giving quite low deliveries to me," Vasudevan said. "I had to bend a lot to return the volley." The Japa-nese coach, Rodrico Hernandez, said: "Although we have lost, we are hopeful about tomorrow."

"The only way we can survive is to find foreign sponsors. My own opinion is that the government will support sport for pleasure more than elite sport. That will be bad for tennis. But we will survive."

that is bad for our juniors."

Hutte feels that there are

only two answers. One is to

establish a transfer system so

that young players and even conches are bound by commet to their club for several years

and can only be sold for a fee if

The other is to build a hotel

they want to move elsewhere.

alongside the tennis centre

and, give or take the odd few hours of sunshine, make

Prerov the East European equivalent of the Nick Boll-

ettieri Academy in Florida.

Both solutions, he acknowledges, will have to be set in

motion fast before there is

There are many other dan-sers for tennis in the change from state socialism to free

enterprise. In the new Czecho-

slovakia, travel will not be the

exclusive privilege of the sports world—and a degree in

biology will have more chance

of bringing financial reward than a devastating top spin

offspring on to the tennis courts as they did before,

Instead of pushing their

nothing left to protect.

Meanwhile on court, much rests on the strong shoulders of the Czechoslovak doubles pair, Karel Novacek and Tomas Smid, who meet the American team of Jim Pugh and Rick Leach in a match that could not only decide the tie but, if the Czechs win, give the tennis authorities precie time, as they struggle to adapt

CRICKET

Four stake claim to Test places



Carrying a burdes: Teems Smid, the stalwart Czechoslovak doubles player

Masur to rescue in Davis Cup tie

BRISBANE (Reuter) — Wally Masur, of Australia, eased the pain of his team colleague, John Fitzgerald, by beating Kelly Evernden, of New Zealand, 6-3, 7-6, 6-1 in the second singles to level their Davis Cup quarter-

final at 1-1 yesterday.

In the opening singles of the world group tie, Fitzgerald allowed Brett Steven, ranked allowed by the steven of the s attowed press Sieven, lanked 429 in the world, only one game in the first two sets, which lasted 52 minutes on the heavy grass

But Steven regained his composure during the frequent rain breaks and completed one of the finest comebacks in Davis Cup history to win 1-6, 0-6, 6-3,

Steven's backhand and the beeven s backname and the heavy court sapped the strength of Fitzgetald, playing his first Davis Cup singles for three years, and the New Zealander ran away with the fifth set to the dismay of the Australian supporters at the Milton club, where Australia have not lost a tie since 1958.

"I hadn't put any pressure on myself to win but I was really nervous for the first two sets and hardly got any first serves in," said Steven.

. "I knew my fitness was fine and that I'd last five sets if I had to. I think his game went off a little once I levelled at two sets

Masur, ranked 29, never silowed Evernden a chance to repeat Steven's heroics, playing sound tennis and maintaining the pressure by keeping the pony-tailed New Zealander pinned on the baseline.

Evernden's spirit was broken when he lost the second set tiebreak 7-0 and Masur, who beat Yannick Noah and Henri Leconte in the first round against France, took the third set with

Fitzgerald won 13 of the first 15 points against his nervous opponent, who was playing in his third Davis Cup match. But Steven, who will be 21 next month, took a 3-0 lead in the third set after saving five break

points on his serve.
The winners will play either champions West Germany or Argentina in the semi-finals in

RUSAL TS (Automate fron): J Picoperatrices to B Steven, 6-1, 6-0, 3-6, 4-5, 2-8; W Maguer DJ X Emerycien, 0-2, 7-5, 6-1.

EQUESTRIANISM

Italian Open last year, never looked secure in front of the boisterous home crowd and failed to put up serious resistance to Skoff's serve-and-volley

Supreme ride for long list

By Jenuy MacArthur

JENNIE Loriston-Clarke and Stoneleigh after performing a flawless test which underlined their supremacy in British

The pair, who head the long but of this year's world champ-ionship team - announced after the Grand Prix - finished 23 marks ahead of the runners-up, Dana Mason and Prince Con-sort. Tricia Gardiner, whose Wily Imp missed most of last year due to a virus and lameness, took third place. These three are also front line contend-

Of the other six riders on the long list, the most impressive yesterday were Anni Mac-Donald-Hall on The Optimist, who finished fourth, and Carl Hester who, took fifth place on Dr Wilfred Bechtolsheiner's Rubelit Von Unkenruf in his

first Grand Prix test.

MacDonald-Hall, a former model, started riding only four years ago after her husband, won a horse in a backgammon competition. Two years later he bought his wife Optimist, on year's European championship

 John Whitaker attempts a third successive victory in a World Cup show jumping qualifier when he and Henderson Milton compete in tomorrow's Gothenburg World Cup event in Sweden — the last qualifier before the final in Dortmund. RESULTS: Senior Dressage selection state: Grand Pris: 1, Dutch Gold (J Lonston-Clarks), 737; 2, Prince Consort (D Mason), 784; 3, Wily Imp (P Gardiner), 782; 4, Optimist (A MacDoneld-Hall), 748.

Intermediaire II; 1, Masser Dorulo (D Culmingham), 517; 2, Horsted Bright Span, (D Rawlins), 510; 3, Eternal Spirk (S Clarke), 508.

VOLLEYBALL

Early victories for rest at

Irish expense

By Roddy Mackenzie SCOTLAND and England Volleybali Federation championships at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow yesterday with comfortable wins over Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland

respectively.
While the Scots took only 50 minutes to defeat the Northern Irish 15-7, 15-2, 15-2, England were detained on court just a minute longer in their 15-1, 15-11, 15-3 victory. The Republic of Ireland put up spirited resistance in the second set and stretched England before their opponents stepped up the pace. Vales recovered from 11-4

behind in the fourth set against Northern Ireland to win. NOTINETR ITCHIRC IO WILL.
REBILL 79: BVF Chemplonshipe: Scot-land 3. Northern freland 0 (15-7, 15-2, 15-2); England 3. Republic of Instead 0 (15-1, 15-11, 15-3), Wales 3, Northern Instead 1 (15-10, 15-4, 10-15, 15-12).

In the first match, Zeeshan Ali, the Indianchampion, defeated Hidehiko Tanizawa, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, in 116 minutes. Srinivasan Vasudevan won the second match, beating Shuzo Matsuoka, 6-4, 6-1, 7-6.

BY EVERY yardstick, the England A tour to Zimbabwe justified itself as a worthwhile venture. Four of the team returning home today have staked firm claims to Test match places within the next 18 months. Atherton, Blakey months - Atherton, Blakey, Thorpe and Inglesden.

The tour's prime objective was achieved with the five-day series won 1-0 and with the visitors getting the better of two draws. Zimbabwe were also beaten 3-0 in the one-day matches granteedly their force. matches, supposedly their forte.
Above all else, though, the touring side was never less than dedicated and efficient, traits not always seen in the English game at representative level during recent years. This tour coincided with the upsurpe of English fortunes in the West Indies. Should the winter of 1989.00 in extraores 1989-90 in retrospect prove to be the time when English cricket turned a corner, the success of the A side in Zimbabwe should

Reservations about England's slow run-rate were permissible at times, but this particular tour served as a learning process for young players. Cautious batting, if it achieved its aim, was an acceptable fault at this stage of acceptable fault at this stage of the players' careers. Overall Mark Nicholas, the captain, and Keith Fleicher, the coach, guided and nurtured their young charges with shrewdness and wisdom. The benefits from their work should be reaped for years to come

Bearing in mind the dread-fully slow, flat pitches provided for every match, the requisite

SACU says Gatting's team will not return

From a Special Correspondent, Durban

AFTER several weeks of control where the cricketers, agonized internal wrangling, the slready punished by a five-year South African Cricket Union Test ban, will play next winter. (SACU) announced yesterday that a second unofficial tour by Mike Gatting's English team, which was scheduled to take place later this year, had been

officially cancelled.

The SACU president, Geoff Dakin, said after a board meeting in Durban: "Tours are counter-productive to the me-dium and long-term aims of South African cricket and to the wider interests of South Africa as a whole. In view of the rapidly changing political situa-tion, it is necessary for South African cricket to re-define its

goals and parameters." He added that all contractual commitments to the 16 English players would be honoured, the mistrust between cricketers "and vice-versa", intimating in this country and strive, above that the SACU would still all, towards unity," Bacher said.

Youth festival boosted THE Oxford and Cambridge Nasser Hussain, John Stephenson, Martin and Darren Bicknell, Michael Atherton and cricket festival for under 19s, a stepping stone for several of today's county players, is to be sponsored by Esso Petroleum for the fifth time, the company announced yesterday (Ivo

shire won in 1988 and 1989, Lancashire and Yorkshire being It will be organized by the National Association of Young the other two winners. The Test and County Cricket Board will contribute £11,500. Cricketers. The 32 counties participating include Bucking-hamshire and Gloucestershire "We decided some years ago that it was a very important part for the first time. Each county of the development of young cricketers," Raman Subba Row, the chairman of the TCCB, said will play five matches and there will be no restriction on bowlers'

virtues in all departments were concentration, hard work and basic professionalism and these were present in abundance.

Atherton and Blakey showed they possessed the right temperament for Test cricket, with two watchful partnerships in the first two internationals that ensured England dominated. and dominated. Atherton's wrist spin, too, was an integral part of the team's

Thorpe, an unexpected selec-tion in the first place, was a revelation to those that had hardly seen him play. A flair for finding the gaps, coupled with the mental strength to tighten his approach when needed, hinted as more potential than Gower showed at the same age.
Igglesden's willingness to persevere, and his ability to move
the ball about, enabled him to
finish as the leading wicket-

England A betting and fielding

The decision represents a vote

of confidence by the SACU board in its managing director, Dr Ali Bacher. It was Bacher

who agreed to the cancellation

of the second tour during talks he held with the National Sports

Congress six weeks ago. But he

was later forced to express

regret at acting beyond his

appointed as a one-man com-

mission to investigate all aspects of South African cricket. His

findings will be submitted to the

board within three to four months. "Now we must look

forward and strive to eliminate

Graham Thorpe, all England or

potential England players, com-peted in past festivals. Warwick-

Bacher, furthermore, has been

Rhodes, too, had a good tour and the gap between him and Russell, both as wicketkeeper and batsman, must surely have narrowed. There were no outand-out failures in the party, but a short, crowded itinerary did give more chances to some than others. Afford, a sharp spinner

of the ball, took his opportunities well, although both he and
lllingworth, his left-arm rival,
had little help from the conditions. Illingworth, of course,
will never forget his century as a
nightwatchman and neither will
anybody else who saw it.

Durren Bicknell, Whitaker
and Stephenson all shared an
irritating habit for getting out
when they seemed well set. On
figures, Martin Bicknell, Pringle
and Watkin were the bowlers
who did not do themselves
justice. These three suffered
more than most from dropped
catches or umpiring decisions.

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ZIMBABWE TOUR AVERAGES

Local officials here tend to be "non-givers" as the saying has it. Lawrence was yards faster than anybody else on either side, but was always erratic.
For Zimbabwe, it was a far less satisfying season, with first Young West Indies and then England A both showing that their hoss' chirms for Test

match status lacked credibility. These things go in cycles and there was little doubt that Zimbahwe were not as strong as they had been between 1983 and 1985. If they had not lost so many of their best players overseas, it would be different story.

As it is, Zimbebwenn cricket faces a difficult time as they wait at least 10 years, or longer, for the hitherto untapped cricket talent among Africans to emerge. Only an estimated 90,000 whites remain in the

blacks. A whole generation of white cricketers was lost in the troubled times of independence and its aftermath. Now the majority of the current white: Zimbabwe international team are aged 30 or thereabouts and it is no surprise that their powers are waning.

are waning.

For the English team, it must have been disheartening, at times, to play in what was effectively a vacuum: hardly any spectators present; virtual indifference-from the local media; and a general lack of interest in the tour wherever they were. The part-time officials of the Zimbabwe. Cricket Union (ZCU), who all have their other occupations to follow, main-tained a brave face in discourag-

ing circumstances, which include a tricky, domestic political background. They have been fortunate in attracting their spousors, but it is fair to speculate how long these will retain their interest.

It might be unpaintable to the 2CU, but it would definitely be more realistic of them to face the fact that standards of play in Zimbabwe and other factors, including facilities available, will keep Test status beyond their reach for a long time.

At the moment it would be At the moment, it would be political heresy, but in the long term, should certain changes take place in South Africa — and unhappy country – Zimbabwean cricket might be better served by renewing the cricket links held when "Rhode-

sia" took part in the Currie Cup. Either that, or form a cricket confederation with Kenya and other African countries where

Returning winds reflate our hopes

YACHTING

the most nerve-racking and frustrating in my life. Little wind, intense heat, and the knowledge that Rothmans's rivals were slowly but surely electric than the street of the street. closing, have taken their toll on

all the crew. Then, late on Wednesday, just as we were about to chew through the bones of our fingers,

the winds returned. After days of secret self-doubt, my tactic of heading north to break through the Doldrums first looks as if it is about to pay off.

Overnight, Rothmans has closed the gap on Grant Dalton's leading yacht, Fisher & Payket, to within 14 miles.

Twenty-four hours earlier, we

ing pack got the better of us earlier this week after enjoying stronger, more favourable winds while rounding Brazil's eastern

As we headed north, Fisher, Steinlager and Merit, aided by a more favourable current, rode off to the west, eventually to overtake us in terms of distance from Fort Lauderdale, and the finish of this fifth leg of the Whitbread Round the World

Now there is a 100-mile gap in northing between ourselves and Merit, with the dreaded Dol-& Paykel and Steinlager have still to break clear of these calms, which gives us the chance

Conditions in the Doldrums bave been very different to those we experienced during the first leg of this race, from Southamp-ton to Uruguay. Then, we had to endure classic thunderstorms and squalls, interspersed with long periods of calm and ex-



The captain of Rothmans reports to The Times from the fifth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race

treme humidity. Racing north-

wards, it has not rained since we passed Recife, the skies have been clear, and the heat far less clammy. Indeed, we have have managed to maintain slow but steady progress against a light ously since crossing the Equator. I have kept morale and a competitive spirit up with the simple rule of not allowing one watch to take over from the other unless the boat is sailing at a speed in excess of eight knots. That certainly helped keep concentration in tune during the latter stages of each watch, until one of our number surrep-ticiously changed the calibration of the log. By the time that little trick had been worked out, though, we were through the worst and enjoying the cooling

north-east Trades. One problem that remains is of a more personal nature. All of us now appear to be suffering from that ailment known in sailing circles as "gunwale burn". The spots and soreness is

caused from wearing cause, ridden clothes for so long.
According to Barrie Thomas, our medic, there is nothing we can do but apply a cream to the affected parts and get to Fort Lauderdale as quickly as possible. We are all in agreement on that.

Rothmans poised to recapture lead

Rothmans, the top British

trio — was setting the pace. Overnight, she closed the gap on Grant Dalton's New Zealand ketch, Fisher & Paykel, to within 14 miles, and looks set to

Meanwhile, 140 miles astern,

calma.

Ludde Ingvall, the skipper of UBF, confirmed vesterday that both they and The Card had been the big losers during the previous 24 hours after experiencing real Doldrum weather of calms and squalls between four and five hours, conditions that and five hours, conditions that others appear to have escaped. The smaller yachts, now spread out between 400 and 750

THE three leading yachts in the Whitbread Round the World Race, Fisher & Paykel, Steinlager and Rothmans, broke clear of the Doldrums yesterday and street of the Poldrums yesterday and street of the street of the Street French, after being overtaken during the night by West Germany's Schlussel von Bre-

In the cruiser division, the crew of Creightons Naturally, skippered by John Chittenden, continues to outpace their rival crew on With Integrity. The latter yacht, skippered by Andrew Coghill, remains in last place within the 22-strong fleet, and now trails her division rival

Rewards were well earned MARK NICHOLAS; who

l HOPE the headline on John Woodcock's End Column (March 16) "Cricket that fails the real test" has not misled readers of *The Times*. The England A tour of Zimbabwe has been a successful one and the gifted crop of young cricketers selected for it have learned quickly, both from the good cricket they have played and from the growth and from the growth of the

and from the excellent con-ditions they have encountered. For some two years now criticism of English cricketers has been commonplace in the media. This criticism has set the lips of frowning officials, misled laymen and antagonized the protagonists. Accusations of poor technique and indifferent application have damaged pride and the criticism, more than fair at times, has hardened players to

the extent of their exposure.

The England A tour gave a number of younger cricketers a chance to witness at first hand a little of that exposure and to test their own skills in a glorious climate away from the frantic county circuit. Without exception the team played on true pitches, grassless but with even bounce, and, at

the Harare ground, some pace. The batsmen were able to play confidently off either foot without fear of unreasonable sideways movement and the viers were made to work hard for their reward — a case of gening out, what you put in". Incidentally, it was a shock for some to see the speed at which the Kookaburra ball lost its seam (a direct contrast to county cricket) and that a different length was required to

encourage error from the

captained the England A team in Zimbabwe, says the tour should prove to be of considerable benefit to English

Indeed, it was the bowlers that first caught the eye, Igglesden's bounce and swing and the aggressive leg breaks of Atherion provided good examples of cricket's charm and variety as the surfaces responded to these lost arts. England's batting was cast more in a support role, as one-day victories were chiselled

This nattern continued in the five-day matches as first Watkin and then Martin Bicknell developed changes of pace and dif-ferent lines of attack and Afford's unusual, slow left-arm spin took a grip of Zimbabwe's

Throughout, England's batting was watchful, methodical at times and patient. Restricted by slow outfields (courtesy of the thick Knkuyu grass), a defensive bowling strately from the home seamers — wide of off stump, frequently to seven men on the off side — and the desire to show that our betsmen have the mental and technical capacity to but in other than the Sunday league. Thus the batsmen gave their bowlers a foundation and an impregnable position from

In my view the first essential for the tour was to win. Winning is a habit that breeds confidence and consistency. John Wood-cock quotes H S Altham's nowerful words that cocket

should have "the life blood of anion of these sentiment than I, nor in fact of his belief in the calculated risk.

These will, however, come from the sound base of a reliable technique and from blossoming self-belief. It has taken some up and downs and a number of opportunities for Dean Jones and Steve Waugh to play the hare to Mark Taylor's tortoise. As this tour progressed so the bats of Atherton, Blakey, Thorpe and, at times, Don Bicknell and Rhodes, started to ring clear and as they did so the team exerted full control of the

The other essential was to establish good principles in training practice and perfor-mance. The pre-tour sessions. both country-wide and at Lilleshall laid foundations and the touring players, under Keith Fletcher's wily eye, were as diligent and thorough in preparation for matches in Kenya and Zimbabwe as they had been in the indoor schools of the preceding months.

There was no lack of flair amongst this touring party but there was a passionate determination to take advantage of the opportunity to play international cricket. By dint of nature most people reckon they are "good enough" to play at this level and this group were keen to prove just that. There was nothing "futile" about this "real Test cricket", in fact there was like it in the level of the control of was little I could see that did anything but stand our game in good stead for the months

are now engaged in a race to the finish of this fifth stage, at Fort

maxi skippered by Lawrie Smith

and the most northerly of the regain her lead after reaching the North East Trades first.

Britain's second hope, Satquote British Defender - skippered by Cdr Colin Watkins - was maintaining fifth place, 40 miles ahead of NCB Ireland, after picking her way through the

spread out between 400 and 700 miles astern, have this to come, but for the present, Patrick Tabarly's French challenger, L'Esprit de Liberse, continues to

by a massive 550 miles.

HOCKEY

Faulkner

in doubt

for weak

Havant

By Sydney Friskin

A HAND injury could keep David Fankner, Havant's cap-tain, out of today's match against Indian Gymkhana in the Poundstretcher National

This is an important match for Havant, who are involved in the final thrust for the top four places in order to qualify for the League Cup secui-finals. Their defence is further weakened by the absence of David Roberts, whose foot injury will keep him out of action for six weeks. Much of the day's pressure will be on Southgate, who are in lifth position and must be it lead to have any change of a place in place in lace.

into position and must be at sea to have any chance of a place in the semi-finals for which Hounslow, as new champions, have already qualified. This leaves East Grinstead, Havant, Slough and Southgate all bat-ting for the remaining three

The position favours Slove

whose visit to Harborne ought to bring them full points. Defeat for Harborne will mean that they, along with Reading, will be relegated to the second division

relegated to the second division near season.
Houselow's home match against Wakefield seems to have little interest beyond the opportunity it affords Robert Thompson to consolidate his position as a consolidate his

Thompson to consolidate his position as top scorer, so far with a total of 18 goals. Wakefield's away match tomorrow against Indian Gymkhana will terminate the league. However, there is still some fire left with Neston and Gore

Court fighting for second place

so as to accompany St Albans to the first division next season.

Neston, with a three point advantage will have no easy task against St Albans, despite being at home. Gore Court, however, visit Taunton Vale but will have to win handsomely to overhaul

Goals at a

premium in

Aberdeen

THE Chris Anderson Stadium, in Aberdeen, was bathed in sunshine yesterday, but there was no avalanche of goals in the

was no avalanche of goals in the women's home countries championship. In two games, only one was scored, by Watkins, of Wales, 14 minutes from time against England.

In fairness to England, they were represented by their reserve squad; but Wales were more committed and should have enjoyed an interval lead.

have enjoyed an interval lead,

It was only after they had fallen into arrears that England were seen as an attacking force. They were unfortunate not to

win a penalty two minutes from time when Wright was crudely tackled in the circle, and then

on the final whistle, Brimble had a shot saved on the line by

Scotland and Ireland played

Menzies (sub: C Howard), P Lyon, C Skirto, Menzies (sub: C Howard), P Lyon, C Skirto, MELAND: F Breiterny; M Parrell, E McDermott, D Desey, F Menzies, J O'Grady (sub: R Renagan), J Potter, B Heffernan, M Logue, G McKlee, G Kilvelly, WALES: H Morgan; L Westies, S Crawley, J Mel, H Thomes, S Jones, M Williams, H Jones, F McCarriny, ENGLAND: A Cization; B Brimble, L Bayles, M Hell, J Robertson, F Lise, S Chandler (A Swandshipts), C Liddel, S Wright, C Steer (sub: J Smitry), M Picties.

Scots throw

away goals

in 3-2 victory

out a scoreless draw.

SCOTLAND: S Lievrie; S France, J McLeughtin, M Couds, W Ramsay, D Thorburn (sub: S Marticles (sub: C Howard), P



James rediscovers

COLF

his championship touch on the greens

of the AGF Open champ-ionship at La Grande Motte esterday; at least, that is what the scores would have us believe. After a five-over-par round of 77 on Thursday, a round too liberally sprinkled recorded a 68, four under par for Robert Treat Jones's ingeniously designed course on reclaimed swamp land by the

That lifted James to one

MARK James, last year's Mignel Martin, of Spain, west part of the professional's craft to the turn in 36 to remain on pedigree in the second round four under par.

James's score yesterday was more like that expected of one of last year's Ryder Cup heroes, but he insists that he played better on Thursday. The difference was, he said, that he putted "half sensibly".

He covered the first half of his round in 33 strokes, and on the evidence of his second half (played, in fact, over the outward nine), he had little for which to reproach himself. He over par for the tournament, twice saved par with single still a long way off the lead, as putts, but is it not a genuine

The silver lining was that Nickians spent a lot of time chatting about old times with the other seniors, talking about places they had been, courses they had played, shots they had hit. "I hadn't done that for years," he said. "It was kinda nice. I enjoyed it. They tell me they do that a lot on this tour."

On a cold, wet, miserable day, there could be few better places

there is a Warfiel on one wall,
 Hockney on another — that
must be a conservative estimate.

came the way from cart to shower, and are certainly more luxurious than 99 per cent of chibhouses in the UK. The only trouble is that membership

Silver lining in the rain for Nicklaus

IT WAS jaw-jaw, not war-war for Jack Nicklans in the first for Jack Nicklans in the first round of the Tradition at Desert Mountain on Thursday. The great man spent most of the day in the locker room as torrential rain, with the odd hailstorm thrown in for good measure, wiped out the solf, reducing this \$800,000 event to 54 boles. Nicklaus and Lee Trevino, his fellow star of the show, did not even make it to the first tee, Nicklans did not escape the weather unscathed however.

"I was on the putting green one minute too long," he said. "I felt a little sprinkle of rain, put on my jacket, hit three more

to be then the locker room here.
The clubbone cost \$13 million
(about £7.6 million) and locking
at the fixtures and fittings alone on my jacket, hit three more putts and got soaked. The women's quarters are more spaceous than the men's, come complete with elevators to

"It was a pity," he added, because I wanted to get started. get going. I'm always a little apprehensive when I'm doing something new and I'm the new kid on the block here, the rockie. I want to play well and the feeling of everyone else is 'come on, show me'. But that's the fun, that's what competition

two conventional fours, and then pitched and putted — from 10 feet — to reduce the 516-yard 3rd, his twelfth hole, to a four. The 352-yard 4th then surrendered to a putt from six feet. The 6th hole, however, is a different proposition at 465 yards, and when James lengthened the distance by a draw off the tee, when the dogleg invited a fade, he chipped with exquisite control o save his par.

He dropped his only shot at the 510-yard 7th, where he was unable to emulate the precise pitch shots of his playing partners, Vijay Singh and Mark McNuity, to an itlend over

sland green. He made the green from about 80 yards out, but the ball then slid agonisingly into the marshy margin of a lake. Removing shoe and sock, and donning rainproof jacket and trousers, he smashed the ball from a swampy lie onto the green, but failed to hole the putt from 20 feet.

He was wayward with his second at the 9th, his last, but played a brilliant blind pitch over a hillock to save the day

Over a hillock to save the day with a single pott.

EMMLY RECHASSOURD SCHOOL OF THE STATE OF THE

Faldo wakes to early birdie

NICK Faldo, the Meners cham-pion, remained two under par after 17 holes in the first round of the \$1 million (£625,000) Independent Insurance Agent

Faldo was up well before dawn to prepare for the resump-tion of his round at 7sm. He was among the 72 players who failed to complete their first round when heavy rain flooded the course on Thursday afternoon. This forced officials to

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Table 18 To 18

yesterday before collecting a birdie at the next hole to move to three under the card. However, a bogey at the 14th hole sent him back to his overnight score, two shots better than José-Maria Olazáhal, of Spain, who had finally completed his round, having had a double-bogey six at the last hole for a 72.

Tony Sills and Dave Peoples, of the United States, moved into joint second place with rounds of 67, five under par, to trail Patrick Henry Horgan III, the

round began.
Faldo was on the 9th green
when play was halted on Thursday, and he putted out for par

Sills, who regained his player's card at lest year's qualifying
achool after finishing a dismail
143rd on the money list, had

to be their year at last.

If they make it, it will be a

considerable triumph for the coach, Tony Barrow, and his squad, largely made up of useful players discarded as surplus to

expected to provide the canno

weekend in London

fodder for Oldham's dream

ence at top level within the side, led by Mike Gregory, the back-row forward who captained

Great Britain during the recent winning series against New Zealand, and they will not be lacking in dedication and commitment today.

In vital league games tomor-row, Wigan hope to have Han-ley and Betts back at Wakefield, while the current shooting stars, Castleford, have their inter-

national front-row forwards,

Crooks and Ward, available at home to Salford.

There is considerable experi-

round. Peoples, who won last year's qualifying school, had birdies on the 16th and 18th holes to move on to the leader

LUADRE FRAT-ROLLED SCORES AUS

unines stated: 66: PH Horger. 67: Elidroton (Aus), G Morgan, B Listoise, Gilder, B. Bryant, T. Armout III, B. Cremenus, I. Men, etc. R. Muttein, B. Febel, J. Thorne, I. Whoseum (SB), S. Bellestance (SB), B. Lote, G. Hielberg, J. Maggart, S. Lancordages, Other source 7t; R. Hellesty (Fe).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Oldham's rejects hunger for glory

ny eyebrows, and indicated that they are determined that this is

ATTEMPTS to predict the outsemi-fixed of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup are likely to be vitiated by the heart ruling the head.

Oldham, from the second division, meet Warrington, case-hardened Cup fighters from the first division, at Centeral Park Wilson and a control. tral Park, Wigan, and neutral sympathies are bound to be with the underdogs, especially since, if Oldham win, they will join their neighbours from Oldham football club in a Wembley weekend at the end of next

Oldham have never been to a Wembley final before. The nearest they have come was in the heartbreaking season of 1963-64, when they were leading Hull Kingston Rovers in extra time of a semi-final replay, only for the floodlights to fail. A replay was ordered, which was the floodlights and the was the floodlights and the floodlights are floodlights. duly won by Rovers.
They have been beaten in two

other semi-finals since then, and there is a deep hunger among the club's players and officials, and particularly among their supporters, for a long-overdue appearance in the final.

Oldham are certainly in with a chance this afternoon. Their performance at Widnes in the quarter-finals, when they tack-led like tigers and ran with unyielding purpose, raised ma-

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REAL TENNIS

Snow faces tough challenge

By Sally Jones

THE world amateur No. 1, Julian Snow, who reached the Scottish Open final, is favourite to take the British amateur championship which starts to-day at the Queen's Club.

players discarded as surplus to requirements by top clubs in the first division. They are led by the fiery Australian with the flowing locks, John Cogger, who is an exception to the cast-off He should face a tough challenge from the rapidly improving James Male, the world rackets hampion and now the world number two smaleur real teuris player following his superb perormance in the French Open, rule. He was snapped up by Oldham from the bottom club in the second division, Runcorn reaching the final and extending the world number one, Lachlan Against them is pitted the strettwise Warrington squad, who resent the fact that they are Deuchar, to 6-5 in the fifth set.

The Australian Mike Happell is seeded third and with the top three amateurs all within two three anateurs an within two handicapped places of each other, Snow playing off +2, Male off +1 and Happell off 0, the tournament looks wide open. The stylish Andrew Page of Petworth is the fourth seed, one place above the talented young Australian Chris Sievers.

Holyport best Hesteld 2-7 glotyport names fragt L Deuchar bt J Male, 8-1, 4-6, 6-2; A Phillips lost to P Tabley, 2-6, 2-6; N Idng bt J Hysicos, 6-5, 6-6. Petworth grew with Tumbs Package Association (Petworth names fragt C Boay Jost to M Happell, 4-6, 5-6; A Page bt J Ward, 1-6, 6-1, 6-2; thing match cancelled strongly lefter.

FOR THE RECORD

Ardiles the spur behind the influx

Foreigners lured by passion in the play

By Louise Taylor

The first wave of football imports washed up on British shores in 1978, following the World Cup in Argentina. Fittingly, the first arrivals were Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricky Villa, members of the host team which had won the

Others followed, but none was so successful as the two men who helped take Tottenham Hotspur to the FA Cup Finals of 1981 (both) and 1982, (Ardiles only) and, be-fore long, the fashion for foreign players passed. In the last three years, it has

enjoyed a revival, and a steady stream of foreign players, mostly Europeans, have joined British clubs. None has that enjoyed by Ardiles, but most have been more successful than the other early pioneers, like Marangoni, who gave Sunderland poor value for their £500,000 when he arrived from Argentina.

A quick scan of most of the leading first division clubs will reveal at least one, often two, foreigners. Aston Villa, for example, have Nielsen and Yorke: Liverpool, Molby, Grobbelaar, Hysen, and Rosenthal, Arsenal, Jonsson; Chelsea, Monkou and Johnsen, and Nottingham Forest have Orlygsson. This afternoon Cherednik is due to make his debut in Southampton's defence Liverpool.

The trend does not just apply to the higher divisions. Buttegieg has proved a success in the defence at Brentford, of the third division, while Gotsmanov is proving popular with Brighton and Hove Albion in the second division.

FIRST DIVISION

Arrest Siggi Joneson (los)

Aston Ville: Kent Nielsen (Denmark), Dwight Yorke (Trinidad and Tobago) Chelese: Erland Johnson (Norway), Kermeth Monkou

Everture Raymond Attendid (The Notherlands)
Liverpook Bruce Grobbelser (Zimbabwa), Glenn Hysen
(Sweden), Jen Moby (Denmark), Ronald Rosenthal
Isrnel, on loan)

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Yestersteen Hoteper: Erik Thortsvedt (Norwey), Gundi Bergeson (Joeksed), Neytre (Spain)

Luion Town: Lars Eletrup (Denmark) Manchester City: Thomas Madigage (South Africa)

Car Healt Montensen (Denniurk) Femal: Thordewir Orlygysson (to

ex Date Kruszynaki (Poland)

coaching system which places

the emphasis on graft rather

than than craft, have tempted

players from foreign parts is

responsibility for the welfare

fessionals, said: "There is a

degree of concern. We do not want English players unecessarily displaced by for-

The acquisition of foreign

talent is not always a success.

Sergei Baltacha the first Soviet

to play for a British club,

spends more time in Ipswich

Town's reserves, and Stefan

Rehn, moved to Göteborg

earlier this season after failing

In Scotland, Dariusz Dziekanowski's goals have helped establish him as a cult figure at Celtic Park along with his Polish compatriot, Dariusz Wdowczyk, Rangers have Ginsburg, and in Spelders, Van der Ark, and Gilhaus, Aberdeen boast three At present, clubs can field

any number of overseas players, but after 1992 they will have to play a minimum of eight who qualify to represent their country. Brendan. Batson, the assistant secretary of the Professional Footballers Association (PFA), said: "European Community players can come and go as they please, but when a club wants player from outside the EC, the application for a of the league's 2,200 prowork permit goes first to the Department of the Environ-

"They then ask ourselves, the League, and the FA if the player in question has international stature, has an ability to make a distinct impact on the English game, and is not available at a comparable price in this country. Quite a few applications are turned

A combination of high domestic transfer fees, and the to break into the first team at end products of a British

Everton. Thomas Hauser languishes in Sunderland's re-Dalglish insists upon a total commitment

AMPLE reasons for revenge are harboured on both sides at Amield this afternoon (Louise Taylor writes). While Antield this afternoon (Louise Taylor writes). While Southsupton will wish to amend for this season's FA Cupexit at Liverpool, Kenny Dulgish's team would like to average a 4-1 defeat in the Legue at The Dell in October. With Aston Villa, who play Mauchester City tomorow, emerging as aerious title contenders, that autumnal damages could prove inversable in

contenders, that autumnal damage could prove irreperable in May, and Liverpool do not intend to repeat their mistakes. Three points behind Villa but with two games in hand, Dalglish yesterday challenged his players to respond positively to last week's unscheduled defeat at Tottenham Hotspur. "If my players do not show that they want to be involved at the highest level they will not be included," he said. "If that is the case they are no use to us, and no use to themselves. Some have made a greater contribution than others, and some have

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between now and the end of the season. They must be in the right sort of mind to make it. We have not glosted over our victories in the past so we should not wallow in defeat."

Rosenthal, the Israeli inter-national forward, on loan from Standard Liege, could be a beneficiary should the manager decide to omit any personnel deemed to have made: "a lesser contribution." If they proves the contribution." If that proves the case, he could be marked by Cherednik, Southampton's Soviet defender, who is scheduled to make his debut.

The possibility, however shim, of a place in Europe next season is probably a more realistic goal than the championship for than the championship for Arsenal, presently third, and Everton, fourth, who meet at Highbury. As George Graham said yesterday: "Europe is the big incentive for us. If you are not going to win anything, the most important thing is to finish second, and if you cannot finish second to finish third."

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Wheels of change

The International Federation of Professional Cycling are to be urged to change their grading system for world ranking points. Since the points are available only in professional races, pro-fessional teams are snubbing



Flying high: Kent Nielsen, the Aston Villa centre half, finds that the English game suits him

Brighton: Sergel Gotsmanov (Soviet Union) ipewich Town: Sergel Beltacha (Soviet Union), Roi Zondarvan (Neitherianda) Newcestle United: Bjorn Kristensen (Denmark) Sunderland: Thomas Hauser (West Germany) West Hem United: Ludek Miklosko (Czechoslovski THIRD DIVISION

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Celtic: Dariusz Dziekanowski end Dariusz Wdowczyk (both Poland)
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Dundermine: latean Koszme (Hungary)
Rangens: Bony Ginsburg (Israeli)
St. Milmen: Thomas Stickroth (West Germany),
Gustvernier Trottespen (Inaland).

serves following a move from Basic 18 months ago, and Mirandinha, the Brazilian was many managers to look abroad. Yet the influx of tried and found wanting by Newcasile United. Others have lived up to not universally acclaimed. As expectations. No one more so Batson, whose job involves than Kent Nielsen, very much

part of the backbone of Villa's championship challenge. Clearly revelling in the experi-ence, the Danish central defender, explained the attraction of English football. Being tall, the high balls suit me. I had watched plenty of English games on television in Denmark so I knew to expect the long ball game, and I enjoy

the fact that English football is

so much more passionate. "Of course the Italian game is more technical, more skilful, and probably faster in terms of thought and reaction, but this is different. But while

pailed by the English game, believe the English would be bored at Italian matches. "It is a different mentality

here, we train less and play more, the diet is different, and the social life is good." Bjorn Kristensen, a fellow

Dane and a central defender for Newcastle United, echoed a common sentiment amongst the league's expatriates. have learnt to enjoy myself in nubs, which seem to be the centre of so many footballers' lifestyles here." Gienn Hysen, the Liverpool

defender, is unreservedly enthusiastic. "I love the country, the life, and I believe, that although you have less time on the ball, the quality of football is better than in Italy and Sweden. This is proving the best time of my career.'

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

First division Arsenal v Everton With Rocauste and Manwood injured, Arsenal are unaltaned. Ampadu is included in the squad. Ratoliffe (heef) and Attiweld (auspended) are absent for Eventor, Wasson and Mevin

Charlton v QPR Charton field the team which won at Coventry last week. QPR

Chelsea v Derby Beasant (ankle) faces a filmess test for Challest, Hischook star by for his first appearance in goal in 18 months. Carlos and Dickens join the squad. Shilton (cut eye) is doubtful for Derby; Taylor is possed for his first division debut in goal.

Liverpool v Southampton Liverpool v Southampton
Liverpool include Rosential,
the forward on loan from Standard
Llege, and Hooper, the reserve
goalkeeper, in their squad. Ablett
(lose) is the only injury.
Cheradnik, the Southampton
defander, is due to make his
debut in place of Benasi
(suspended). Case returns from
suspension and Howers, who is fit
again, could replace Andrews in
post.

Aston Villa v Man City

Man Utd v Coventry Weco starts the birst gains in seven months for United. Coverity add McGuire, a winger, to their add McGuire, a winger, to their squad in recognition of his impressive molweek performance against United

Nott'm F v Wimbledou Forest recall Crosby and Currie at the expense of Gaynor and Jemson. Hodge (ankle) is still masking. Sheff Wed v Tottenham

Wednesday field the side who draw at Wimbledon lest week. Tomanham dater extention. Second division Wolves v Leeds With Dennison and Smole having passed finals lasts, Wolves are at full strength. Downing, Paskin, McLoughille and son are included in the squad. Leeds choose between Beglin and Whitlow at left back, and Hendrie and Speed in midfield.

Wha are expected to recall
Olney alongside Cascarino in the
attack. Yorke, from Trinidad
and Tobago, retains his place in the
squad. White faces a late
fitness test for City.

SCOTLAND completed a game of reckless squandering with a 3-2 victory over Wales in the under-18 category when the four nations schoolboys tournament, sponsored by Allied Steel and Wire Holdings, began at Cardiff yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

In the sixteenth minute Wales were penalized for stick obstruc-

In the sixteenth minute Wales were penalized for stick obstruction in front of goal to concede a penalty stroke and Derek Cunliffe converted. Tervitt scored the second goal for Scotland in the 28th minute and Cunliffe the third from another repeals stroke. penalty stroke 12 minutes later. Danny Geach scored twice from short corners for Wales. Matthew Walker, of Kings School Rochester, emerging as a

School Rochester, emerging as a short corner expert, converted two for England who defeated Ireland 3-0. Both Walker's goals were beautifully struck, landing in the right hand corner. James Walkis, of Coventry School, scored the third from close in. A goal in the 33rd minute by Ed Davies on the follow-up from a sbort corner, gave Wales from a short corner, gave Wales a 1-0 victory over Scotland. RESULTS: Under 18: Wates 1, Scotland Q. England 3, Iretand Q. Under-18: Wates 2 Scotland 3.

IN BRIEF An early exit

for Sabatini San Antonio, Texas (Reuter) -Lori McNeil, of the United

States, stunned the top seed. Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina. with a 6-3, 6-4 victory in the first round of the US women's hardcourt tennis champion-ships. Sabatini, the world No. 3, was upset in the quarter-finals of the International Players' Championships last week but had not dropped an opening round match since October 1988.

Leng outing

Virginia Leng the reigning three-day event world champion, will give her top horse, Master Craftsman — now recovered from a wasp sting — an outing in tomorrow's Dynes Hall horse trials in Essex.

Welsh chair

Ossie Wheatley was named yesterday as chairman of the Sports Council for Wales, succeeding John Powell.

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such major open events as the British Milk Race, whose or-ganizer, Brian Elliott, is to lobby Hem Verbruggen, the federa-

Potent mix of youth and experience

with the three- had temperament problems, year-olds up the Sticks gallop. Travelling worried Nashwan, The two generations moved and Zilzal sweated up before purposefully in single file his races. But both horses across the Sussex hills above proved their point, so perhaps Pulborough, the business of racing now close at hand

something in common, both having suffered last season at the hands of Nashwan. "Cacoethes has always been a very good horse," Harwood said. When he was beaten a neck by Nashwan at Ascot, the pair not only finished fast, they beat the rest of the field comprehensively.
"He was unlucky not to

have won a couple of group one races last season but I am sure he will put it right this year. He could start in the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket, or wait for the Coronation Cup at Epsom."

Exbourne met his match gainst Nashwan when beaten a length in the 2,000 Guineas. "He had a problem with his near-fore, which prevented us from training him after that He's going to be an interesting horse this season. I hope he'll run over a mile in the Lockinge Stakes, but we think he's likely to stay 10 furlongs."

A cornerstone of Harwood's strength this season is the powerful armada of older norses. At a time when retirement at three has become almost compulsory, Pulborough's 164 horse-power unit includes no less than 38 horses aged four and upwards. Aside from Cacoethes and Exbourne, Assatis, lie De Chypre, the winner of York's International Stakes last sea-son, and Sadeem, who will attempt to become the only horse apart from Sagaro to win three Gold Cups, promise a memorable season. In almost every category, Harwood has a high-class rep-

resentative to call upon. The concentration of fire-

uy Harwood wat-ched intently as ning. "Every horse is dif-cacoethes and Ex-ferent," Harwood said. "For bourne cantered example. Nashwan and Zilzal their owners thought it was time to capitalize them "

Cacoethes and Exbourne The two older horses had both failed to realize their full potential at three. "Some horses don't maximize their opportunities at that age," Harwood went on. "Look at Rousillon and Kalaglow. They both came to their best at four. There's no reason why horses shouldn't improve at that age. Also, it's difficult to buy a good horse, so there are owners who want to go on racing if they already have

> As the classic season draws ever-closer, Harwood is also strongly placed in that department. Digression was rated joint second-top in the European Free Handicap after a convincing win in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot; Duke Of Paducah, Raj Waki and Defensive Play are lightly-raced colts with classic

> he stable has twice won the 2,000 Guincas, with To-Agori-Mou and Dancing Brave, but the Derby continues to slude the stable. Dancing Brave's un-lucky defeat in 1986 is still a bitter memory for the yard, and for owner Khalid Abdulla. Stamina is likely to be Digression's strong suit, so the trainer has decided to forego the Guineas. "The Derby is the one race that Mr Abdulla wants to win so we're going to train Digression for it," he

> Raj Waki, Shout And Sing and possibly Childrey are the stable's most likely runners at Newmarket, "I haven't entirely ruled out Duke Of Paducah for that race, but we'll just have to see how



Pointing the way: Guy Harwood supervises his string on the Pulberough gallops

"Free At Last, Azadeh and

Diamond Shoes are all 1,000

With Easter falling late this Free Handicap and the nine-furlong Gerry Feilden Stakes. Those are the races I'm look-

specific about which horse will go for which race."

put up a particularly game and annual surprise.

year, the classic trials are slower to arrive than usual. The Labornum Stakes at Kempton next Friday, which will see the first appearance of Mukddaam, the second favourite for the Guineas, is also Harwood's first target for one of his classic hopes. "We might run Shout And Sing there. Basically, there's the Laburaum, the Kempton Trial at Easter, the Craven, the

would also be looking at Akamantis, Allez Milady and Abesd." ing at, but it's impossible to be

Even to those closely involved, a trainer's unwillingness to commit himself about the likely merit of his potential classic hopes at the end of March, with the Guiness just

Newmarket

"The trouble is that horses high-class performance when beating Qui Danzig, Curia Regis and other colts in the like this don't show a lot at bome so we don't know a great deal about them until they run Somerville Tattersall Stakes at

in their trials," Harwood said. However, Pulborough rareentertains angels unawares. Guineas possibilities," Har-wood said. "For the Oaks I Winners seldom run unbacked and the flamboyant style of the operation is usually reflected by the betting

However, Harwood is still cautions. "As far as Digression is concerned, we've always known he was a classy horse, but just how classy isn't certain yet. He's done one bit five weeks' away and the of serious work, which im-Derby only 10, comes as an pressed me a lot."

Pulborough champions, Dan-cing Brave, the impressive winner of the 1986 Prix de PAnc de Triomphe, is pre-eminent. "You keep going back to him," Harwood said. "He was in a class of his own."

The transformation of 800 acres of farmland into just about the most modern training complex in Britain has been one of the outstanding success stories in racing in the past 15 years. By harnessing a keen tactical brain and boundless energy, the 50-year-old son of a Sussex businessman has welded a uniquely talented team.

arwood's righthand man has al-ways been Geoff Lawson, his bro-ther-in-law and a director of Coombelands Racing Stables. The former jump jockey's judgement of work and a horse's ment has always been legendary. Lawson's flair has been matched over the years by the now-retired Greville Starkey, replaced as stable jockey by Ray Coch-

Tommy Townsend, the Irish-born head lad, is another tower of strength as is Christy Kinane, another former jump jockey. In the laboratory, Brian Eagles, the resident ver, is the model of scientific expertise.

Harwood is, above all, a businessman, as the gleaming Rolls Royces, Jaguars and Range Rovers in the immaculate showroom of Harwood's Garage is Pulborough testify. His entrepreneurial flair gives him an empathy with leading figures in inclustry; he attracts like-minded owners. Restless energy finds further outlets in the many sporting activities he shares with his owners and

colleagues. Harwood, a ruthless competitor who plays the game to its limits, has built his success on unremitting attention to detail and almost microscopic scrutiny of his horses. This season he has some enviable

Wonder Willet in good heart for Times qualifier

THE TIMES

Point-to/C-point

Championship

Higham Hill as the main oppo-

Wily Yeoman is happy on any ground and is the pick of the entries for the RMC qualifier at the Crawley and Horsham. The

Silent Master could be difficult

to beat in this event at the Fling and Deabigh and Matsix may be good enough at the Camparthea,

Philip Scholfield, with 12 wins to his credit already this

season, looks unlikely to come

season, looks unlikely to come away empty-handed from his five rides at the South Devoa. In particular, Confused Express, on whom he won the Lamerton maiden, looks the pick in the members' race and Cordiglia should account for Bucksmill in the adjuster.

Top-of-the-ground exponents Mischievous Monk and No Sweat could win the men's and

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

HOOVES will be rattling at today's point-to-points, but, unformestely, not many of them.

An explosion of runners is

waiting in the wings for the first
downfall of rain but today, despite large entries at mos meetings, many horses are likely to be kept at home.

Even after watering took place at Mollington for the Grafton, where two Times Champ-ionship qualifiers were to take place, the stewards decided on Thursday evening that it would be unsafe to race on the hard ground, and the meeting has been cancelled.

There are no problems, however, at Lianvapley for the Monmouthshire where the going will be good. The Times qualifier here will be split and it is unfortunate for Chance Buy that he is in the same division as Wonder Willet, the winner of the adjacent race at Howick last week, who should continue the good work.

Had Chance Buy been in the first division be would also have been a confident choice, but his absence puts The Screamin Demon in with a favourite's

The going was good to firm when Welknown Character won the maiden in impressive style at Williton. He looks to be the one they all-have to beat in the Times race at the Cattistock where borses will make a print although the going is firm. The main opposition to him may come from Ascertalmoor.

Stanwick Lad, who won a hunter chase at Worcester last season on firm going, is the form horse for the Land Rover event at the Blankney. In the same sponsor's qualifier at the East Essex most of the top East Anglian horses are engaged. Of these, Carts Choice is a cut above the rest -

winner at the Buccleuch, Classic Bart, could be in the field for the Audi qualifier at the Morpeth but the more experienced Level Quay is preferred. In the corresponding race at

Drive, second in the PPOA race at Garnons last week, has

Lest week's Times qualifier

Sweat could will the men's and women's open races respectively at the Royal Artillery. The last race here is for the gua and himber pullers of the King's Troop RHA. They run and jump remarkably well for their size and only take about half's minute longer than the winner of the open race. Triple winner Glen Lochan

may have his colours lowered by another winner of three, Ready Steady, in the Bramham Moor

Today's fixtures Healinsey, The Carriolms, Lincoln, the west of town certies (2.0 start): Brassham Moor, Wetherby (2.0); Carmertheeshire, Lycister, Sm. SW. of Tenby (2.0); Carmertheeshire, Lycister, Sm. SW. of Tenby (2.0); Carmertheeshire, Lycister, Sm. SW. of Tenby (2.0); Carmertheeshire, Lycister, Sm. SW. of Beaminster (1.50; Circon-on-Teume, 6m Not Tenhasin, Partner, Sm. St. of Pubborough (1.30); East Eyean, Maries Tey, 5m W of Colchester (2.0); Mormodity, Ealon Hall, 4m S of Chester (1.30); Mormodity-shire, Lienveplay, 4m E of Abergavenny (2.0); Morpoth, Transvell, 3m SW of Morpoth, Transvell, 3m SW of Morpoth, Holden, 6m SW of Exeter (2.0).

Father Phil to defy penalty

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Doncaster, but he is optimistic that both his Irish Lincolnshire runners. Cielamour and Father Phil, will run a good deal better at the Curragh this afternoon.

Both these handicappers have already won this season, with Cleismour putting up a fine weight-carrying performance under 10st 91b at Leopardstown

Father Phil showed himself to be several strides ahead of the trish handicapper by landing the five lengths.

Father Phil, as anticipated, not the maximum 121b penalty permissible under the con-cruons of the race while

JIM Bolger drew a blank with bringing her weight today to Upward Trend in last Sat-urday's William Hill Lincoln at The stable jockey, Christy The stable jockey, Christy Roche, has elected to stay with Father Phil, who is sure to start a

warm favourite.
Of those that finished behind him at Leopardstown, the best fancied now is Monteflore, whose trainer John Mulhern won the race last year with Mar ellous Marvin.

The stewards were dissatisride which David Parcell gave Montefiore and even the jockey admitted in his evidence that he

Stood down for four days, starting last Wednesday, Parnell has now had to give up the ride to Stephen Craine. Should Montefiore win, his trainer would then be chasing a unique

double as he will be represented

in next Saturday's Seagram Grand National with Hungary Hur (Tommy Carmody).

Ireland's top trainer in 1989, both in races won and prize-both in races won and prize-money, was Dermot Weld and there has to be significance in his decision to make only two entries for the General Accident

The first is Go And Go, with whom he won the Laurel Fiturity in the United States last autumn. The other nomination, Lotus Pool, did not run as a juvenile but this son of Spectacular Bid makes his debut Malden

Goffs Bloodstock Sales Lest night announced a new manag-ing director, Philip Myerscough, in succession to Jonathan Irwin. He is the third member of the family to hold this post.

British trio step out

at Rosehill MOUNTAIN Kingdom, Alquez and Dawn Success, three of the British citallengers for the rich prizes on offer at the Sydney Easter Carnival, make their first appearances at Rosebill early today.

Highland Chieftain, who will join Mountain Kingdom in the field for the B M W International next Sanurday, will

have a racecourse gallop after the second event.

Today's three runners all have

Australian jockeys. Larry Olsen is on Mountain Kingdom in the £88,235 Hoyts Sky High Handican,
Alquoz (Michael Clarke) and Dawn Success (Peter Cook) are among the 18 runners for the £73,529 George Ryder Stakes, a

Results from yesterday's three meetings Beverley

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Holley, 5-2 tayl; 2, Lucky Landers (9-2); 3, Short Measure (11-2), 9 ran. NR: Labbroom, Nt. 181, M Chemnon, Total 63-30; 81.30, 21.80, \$2.90, DP, \$9.00.

Plumpton Bullet firm (Fand parties)

1.30 (Con Note) 1, PERMAN LIDES (Mr. A. Welen, 50-1); 2, Le Chen Note (H. Davies, 1-5 tay); 3, Arrive Descer (Che McNeown, 4-1), ALSO RAN: 10 Boy James (4th), 65 Petalouch (5th), 5 rin., 2, 8, 25l, 12l. D. Well, 11 September 1, Total 20.70; 24.90, 11.10. DF: 25.90. CSF: 258-58. 10 (2m 4) th) 1, BOHAL (K Bule, 5-5

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4.30 (3m 11 ch) 1, TOURCHARD (M Kin-ane, 5-4 tav); 2, Sword Edge (M Parret, 25-1); 3, Aleden (G Moore, 25-1), ALSO RAN: 15-6 Serious Man (T), 4 Hounebalt (A See Mills In Man (T), 4 Hounebalt (f), 5 Pan. NPI: Justinewayyouare. 31, nt. O'Sullivan at Bognor Regia. Tota: 22.0 £1.40, 22.20. DF: £14.00. CSF: £18.07. 8.0 (2m 4f India) 1, CALIAI D'ORBAY (hir K-Cummentord, 5-1); 2. Nickmeuer (hir A-Nickmen, 10-1); 3. Nir Cerecteose (kies Z-Davison, 5-1). Mighty Prizos 8-5 fav. 7 ss. NR: On His Own, Regeoca, F O'Nishory, Toss: 25.80; 22.70, 22.30, OP-232.80.

2.45 (Im 20 1, DARSON TIMES (A Marris, 7-4 (pr); 3, Chammarks (0) Hard, 5-2; 3, Wassian Park (5 O'Gorman, 8-2). 3.6 (2n 8t hdis) 1, Postavecchio Holte (C Dempsey, 13-8 fav); 2, Chucklestona (8-8; 3, Sheeton (4-1), 10 ran, NP; **GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES**

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Charlion v QP Norwich v Luton.,

GN Vauchall Conference Attrincham v Enfield...

Chemenham v Runcom. Kidderminster v Wycom Merthyr v Stafford

Second division Hull v West Bromich Middlesoro v Oldham. Newcastle v Brighton. Plymouth v Ipswich resmouth v Bournemouth oke v Sheffield II

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Gainsborough v Sth Liverpool, Gools v Phyl Marine v Buxton

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BASS HORTH WEST COUNTIES
LEAGUE: First division: Ashon v
Burscough: Bootle v Chadderton;
Clissence v Namwich; Colwyn Bay v
Vaunhal GM; Knowstey v Darwen;
Skelhersdale v Sattord; Warrington v
Prescot Gables.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Gentrar Bugger General Colombia v Crusaders; Distillery v Ballymana; Larne v Cartonville; Luffield v Newry; Portadown v Carrick.

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HOCKEY NOME COUNTRIES INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: (ADORDON).
POR ANTERNATIONAL LEAGUEPlan division; Ridge Gymthana v Wakeflest (Festion School 12.30).

BASKETBALL MATIONAL LEAGUES First division: Play-offs, Jusqu: Bracen v Checker (4.0). Sessed: Selection: Play-offs: (worren): Dolladistry v Norm London (5.0); Meddes-brough v Marchester (4.0). First division: Play-offs: (worren): Normanipole v Grand-head (3.30); Sherlind v Ipswitch (4.0).

West Ham v Port Vale.

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Sparners v Seeham Red Star (3 15);
Easington v Durham Cety; Shildon v
Billinghem Synthonist; South Back v
Altrivict; Sperinymoor v Brandon (3 15);
Tow Law v Stockson; Whicknam v
Commet.

OVERNOON PAPERS COMMINATIONS Southernpton v Wattord (2.0); Tottenhum

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(3.30), Laede v St. Helens; Laigh v Hull
(3.30), Washinde V Wigen (6.30), Wiches v
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Sheffled Second division: Carrisse v
Fufram (2.15); Chorley v Trafford Sorrugh; Devistury v Huddershied (3.30);
Doncasser v Halifac; Hull KR v Bramery;
Nothingham v Worfengton; Ryedale York v
Russom (3.15); Swinton v Rocholus;
Whitehenen v Basley (3.30).

CYCLING: March Hars meeting (Stations,

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Burnley v Doncaster Carlisle v Scarborough ... Chesterfield v Gillinghan

VALUMALL LEAGUE Premier divisions Ayessury v Mericur, Bertong v Windsor and Etur; Beangstoke v Starres; Bell-op's Stordord v St. Alberts; Dulwich v Diggentern, Grays v Carshelton; Harrow v Bromer, Kingstonian v Hayee, Reducings Forest v Hendort, Stough v Leyton-Wingster, Wolongnam v Bognor, Flest division: Boroham Wood v Tooling and Mechaim: Chastern v Undwigs, Croydon v Memopolian Polices. Conteng v Wording, Hampton v Hinchin; Kingsbury v Whyteleafe; Purillest v Membley; Soutiwich v Harlow; Walton and Hershell v Challent Si Peter; Wivenhoe v Laves; Wolong v Leetherhead, Second division of the Areley v Herdord; Eastdon v Witnern, Finchley v Roystam; Hernal Hempstend v Berthersed; Herbords Stevenings Borough; Latchworth GC v Tibury; Reinham v Ting; Suffrew Waltenn v Baren; Vauchel Motors v Capton; Ware v Billerica, Second division south: Chersey v Carportey; Egiam v Molesey; Festiam v Abrigdon; Flackvell Heath v Bassesch; Hersheld v Bracknell; Hungenord v Epotm and Ewelt, Meidenhead v Russip Meno; Meldenhead v Russip Meno; Melden Vale v Eastbourne; Southall v Petersled. VALUDIALL LEXCES Premier division

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North Ferriby v Thacidey; Pometract Cols
v North Shields, Sheffield v Brigg. GREAT MRLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Brisco Manor Farm v Plymouth Arg; Chard v Paulton; Chippenham v Liskaerts Clevedon v Welton; Eumouth v Barnstaple; Mangotsfeld v Dawish; Radstock v Taunton; Swarage and H v Torrington; Weston Super Mare v Tiventon.

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Old Harrovans v Old Watersenses;
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All Cus Leacue v Old Watersenses;
All Cus Leacue v Abergevenny;
Friton Ferry v Lianelli; Cwmbran v Haverfordwest; Pombrola v Ton Pening, Pontignarish v AFG Cardiff.

Idenship (Branda Hetch).

SHOOTING: British 10 metre air-gan championships (Manchester).

SWIMMING: British Grand Prix (Gloucesser).

WOLLEYBALL: British Men's Championship (Glasgow).

MEINERED CHAMPIONSHIP Quantity (G.30). First Orderlors Play-offs: Storp V Celevoland (G.45). Eachable (G.45). ICE HOCKEY

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LEAGUE Pleas divisions Saw Grounded v
Cannock (Furingon) School, Northern
2.15; Harborne v Slouge, Gledley Sadum, Bretinghem, 12.45; Herest v trigles
Gymidenes (Neveral College, 2.15; Houselov v Wastefield (Festiven School, 2.6; ObLoughtoniers v Brominaly (Chypres), 2.30;
Southpase v Inc. Man. Park Parkins,
White Hart Lane 2.0; Southpase v Reading
(Sothus, 12.15; Welton v Taudingon)
(Grove Sports Conne, Nevers, 12.30),
Second divisions Southmile v Centerbury
(Stening Court SC, Birmingons, 2.0);
Brosbourne v Warringon (John Neverson
SC, Savenege, 12.30; Guildiord v Onecaster (Cranleigh School, 11.0); Lyons v
Cantarios City (Delty Manches Southmil,
2.30; Neston v S Abans (The Firs,
Manichester University, Southmil,
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Manichester University, Southmil,
Coventy and North Manwickshire
(Teddington School, Broom Road 2.0;
Taunton Vale v Gore Court (Taunon
School, 12.0). COUNTRIES BITTE

TUGBY LEAGUE SILE CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Seed of Oldrean v Warrington (at Wigan, 2.0).

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MATIONAL LEAGUE: First distaine: Plageffs: (mint): Oktham v Birmingham; Worthing v Crystal Palace; Hemal Hempsteel
v Bury Second division: Play-offs: Stockport v Greenwich, Wattord v Cardiff, First
division: Play-offs: (women): London
YMCA v Broton (B.B): Modingham v
Crystal Palace (3.30).

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Langth: 57 feet 4 Inches Width at widest point: 25% inches Weight: 15 stone 6 pounds

Odds weigh heavily against Cambridge

OXFORD go to the start this Fowler, Duncan Hole and the afternoon at 4pm as firm favourites to win their foureenth Boat Race in 15 years. The signs were clear for ambridge when Oxford beat them by 16 seconds at the Reading Head on March 3. Despite Cambridge reseating the positions of their crew and Oxford changing their stroke man since that date, there is little evidence to suggest that Oxford will not extend this margin over the longer four today and retain the Beefeater

weight advantage, a warm weight advantage, a warm was crucially, a considerable advantage in experience. Jonathan Searle, Rupert Obholzer and Matthew Dinsent are all bronze medal champ. winners at world champ-

ionship level.
Richard Hull, a survivor from the 1987 "mutiny crew", Jonathan Searle, the President, and Mike Gaffney, the stroke, will all go to the start with two boat race wins behind them. Christopher Heathcote, the heaviest competitor ever, Donald Miller, an American trialist, and Tom Slocock, a winner for Isis, complete the line-up

Cambridge have just two ex-Blues, the President, Paddy Mant, and Guy Pooley, both of the losing variety. Richard Young, Edwin Clark and Richard Statte are all ex-Goldie; the latter two being very much lightweights. The emaining three, Steven

Oxford

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headlines last year and Lisa Ross-Magenty, of Cambridge, has had her fair share of media

attention, all of which overlooked the fact that she has already won two boat races, the women's lightweight event in 1987 and the Goldie Isis race in 1988. Martin Watts, though, spent homs on the Tideway while at Westminster School and must have a greater understanding of its

The old rowing maxim that "a good big one will always beat a good little one" could be applied here, although Cambridge do not impress as a particularly "good little one" and Oxford, when racing rather than paddling are one of their best ever combinations.

Both crews looked relaxed psychological battle, by turn-ing ahead of Cambridge and ing them to row in launch wash from Hammerumith to Putney. Presumably Cambridge's sports psychologist, Brian Miller, subsequently put

The reserve crew race between Isis and Goldie (3.30pm) could cause a family feud, with cousins, Richard Thorp and Drostan Vye stroking the respective combina-tions. The Thorp family seem the most likely to be celebrating the outcome.

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stroke, Adam Wright, ap-peared from the freshman eight, the stroke man being Cambridge's find of the year.

The old rowing maxim that

at Putney yesterday morning, although Oxford won a little their minds at mat.

HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE 4 miles 374 yards Oxford 1984 16 min 45 sec Chiswick Reach 2 miles WICK STEPS PUTNEY BRIDGE **136TH BOAT RACE** Of the 135 races rowed Cambridge have won 69, Oxford 65, with one de heat on March 24 1677 in a time of 24 mins 8 sec. This year's crews has the heaviest, tallest, oldest and xford's trip with the light fantastic

CHRISTOPHER Heathcote, the 17st 5lb 6oz man in the Oxford crew, is some two stones heavier than the boat which will carry him over the 4% miles from Putney to

Mortlake today.

The boat, built by Aylings at West:
Molesey, is 60ft long and will have to withstand pressures of 350-400lb per square inch on each rigger as the crew gets away from the start at a greater than any of the following launches. The pressure drops off somewhat after

a female mould, rather like a baking tray. The mould is treated with a release agent, waxed, and coated with resin to ensure that the hull emerges clean and waterproof. A top layer of kevlar, an expensive type of fibregiess, is then applied and this gives the boat impact resistance, should it hit an obstruction in the water, although moored barges can prove rather too solid, as Cambridge know to their cost.

The whole structure is then strengthened further with carbon fibre along the vital surfaces such as the keel, the top of the boat, and the which hold seats and riggers, will be

Then comes the "secret ingredient", the honeycomb core. Its function is to keep the inner and outer skins apart, it is 90 per cent air, and increases the strength by some 4,000 times. The second kevlar skin is then added, the two together being no more than .0015 of an inch thick, and the basic hull has been produced.

Ribs are then added - these are made of wood reinforced with 18 layers of carbon fibre - before, finally, the decking is laid in such a way as to prevent the boat twisting. The ability to make last minute Since the crew need something to sit on and something to pull against, changes is vital to coaches since the seats, slides, footrests and these approximate to changing gear

The Crews

OXFORD

strength is not vital, such fittings are made of moulded plastic. For "pressure" fittings, such as riggers, a light, but strong, form of aluminium All of these fittings are adjustable. The position of a man in the boat can be moved forwards and back-

wards. The leverage exerted on the

blade can be altered by moving the rigger in or out or by changing the position of the "button", the plastic

riggers are then inserted. Where

difference between winning and losing in a tight race. The cost of this technical missile will not leave you much change out of £10,000, although you need not order the specially-designed riggers which Oxford have chosen in case of rough water. The blades are extra

in a car when you go uphill, and a

headwind for a crew on the day is

"going uphill". Changing the gear-

ing by one centimetre can make the

Dark Blue rebel with a cause that ripples the waves

ioor reads "Jonny Prez". The room in Christ Church Collge belongs to Jonathan Searle, President of the Ox-ord University Boat Club, the favourites for the Boat Race. he walls are plastered with posters of his heroes: Clint Eastwood with a pair of smoking guns, Bob Dylan with a guitar, a snarling and scrofulous Sid Vicious. Over his bed hangs a black banner nd crossbones and, DEATH .. ZONE - NO PRISONERS'. Jonny - 'no "h" please' Searle was wearing a pair of scuffed winklepickers and a Tshirt festooned with grinning sharks. His blond hair fell in corkscrews over his eyes. His chances of a part in

Wild Ones. Until recently, Searle, aged 20, 6ft 4in and 131/2st, was never without his leather acket and gold ear-ring. Now hey have gone: "I don't need hose gimmicks any more - I et enough attention without

Brideshead Revisited II are

practically zero, but he is a

lead cert for a remake of

sensible in the last couple of years." But you still expect him to reply to the question, "What are you rebelling against?" with Brando's words: What have you got?"

But Searle gets his kicks, not as leader of a gang of greasers, but as leader of the Dark Blues. He took over last October from Alison Norrish. who would have been the first woman president to appear in the Boat Race had she not been sent down for failing her first-year exams. Searle is modest about his

attainments in his own subject, biology - "it's just farming, really" - but his rowing credentials are considerable: a junior international at school and a gold medal at the world championships as part of the senior British squad, and his sights are on the 1992

Rebel Without a Cause of The Searle has rowed in two winning Boat Race crews. He is not expecting the third to be any different: "Because Oxford have been so successful for so long, the best rowers foregone conclusion.

As convinced of his side's roulette wheel," Tim for so long, the best rowers naturally want to come here."



effortless superiority as if he were the captain of Liverpool going out to play Grimethorpe Colliery reserves, he finds it

irritating that the outcome of the Boat Race is still not a

breaststroke in a short court (24 metre) pool, qualified in pole position for the final of that event in lumin 02.49sec. He also

led the pack into the final of the 50 metres freestyle with a 23.41 morning heat, half a second ahead of Mark Foster, of Barnet.

Caroline Foot, of Millfield, will be looking to improve on her performance in the heats of the 200 metres butterfly. Foot, who leads the grand prix butterfly category, qualified last into the final. She will need to beat Madeleine Scarborough, the World Cup butterfly champion from Portsmouth, to secure her

from Portsmouth, to secure her leading position. However, Scarborough is likely to see her main threat in Helen Bewley, of

es, who won the heat in 2

The home crowd will have all eyes on the women's 100 metres backstroke final, into which

Joanne Deskins, of Gloucester,

ib about it is that you can get off to a bad start and lose to a crew that's not really very good' Bampfitt, the coach, says.
"That's what makes it so scarey." Searle is scathing much at all." He adds, more story - but there may be some subversively: "Even if you truth in it." win, you haven't proved that much." about the side-by-side charge

along the Thames. "What's dumb about it is you can get He is guarded in his comments on Dan Topolski's off to a bad start and they'll cut you up and you lose to a crew that's not really very account of American-inspired

good and you haven't proved boat in True Blue. "It's a good

Any hopes Cambridge might have that the two oarsmen from the United States in Searle's crew - a Rhodes scholar and Pentagon mutiny aboard the Oxford employee - will rock the boat

are squashed: "The conflict or just because they think I'm doesn't exist — not at all." But he admits that Oxford can be "a disharmonious crew — you can have fights, people will jump out of the boat and walk home, but in a race you'd still die for each other."

He defends his men against the charge that Oxford are the numbskulls of the Boat Race, all brawn, no brain, who get into university only on the strength of their rowing and is threatening to start legal proceedings against one of the Cambridge crew who accused him of failing his exams. Searle thrives on aggression.

In Bampfitt's words, "he wants to be loved, but love is not what gets his motor going." Searle acknowledges he needs "something to row against"; he says of his Camridge counterpart: "Paddy Mant is a nice guy - but I know when the race starts I'm going to hate his guts."

Bampfitt says: "He's won a lot of races on his ego." He has won himself some followers, too. He was expecting his girlfriend to come over to cook him dinner. "I don't know if it's because I'm a Blue

between Brits and Yanks nice, but I don't have any trouble with women.

He has not had quite so much success with prospec-tive employers. "I've just blown my interviews with Mars, Marks and Spencer, and Shell." The Dark Blue president has a greenish tint and would vaguely like to do "something in conservation". but rowing remains his ob-session. As Bampfitt says, "He can't do anything but pull."

Searle's views on the contest may annoy the traditionalists. He sees it as more of a publicity stunt than a serious sporting event. "It gives the general public a false idea of what rowing is all about. People come up to members of the British squad and ask them, 'What university did you row for?", as if you had to be at Oxford or Cambridge to

The Boat Race is relatively low on his scale of priorities. It's not a big thing for me it's much more important to win the Olympics." But he hates losing, "especially when it's something I should win." He has no intention of being remembered as the president who took Oxford to defeat.

TOW.

SHOOTING

Potts aims to retain title in record time

THE British air gun champion-hips are on offer again this veckend, only five months after hey were last decided (our shooting Correspondent

The committee bidding for vianchester to host the Olympic vianchester in host the Olympic Sames now has a range with 200 iring lanes available at the viatchpoint Tennis Centre, Theadle Hume, and the hampionships have been noved from their previous autumn date to the spring.

Ian Potts, aged 25, of reddington, the champion who s regarded by many as a likely accessor to Malcolm Cooper, who has dropped air rifle shooting, will face a challenge from tigel Wallace, the 1987 champion and Rob Smith, who persented Britain at the commonwealth Games. Chrisidector, the other competition in

orimonwealth Games. Chris-ifector, the other competitor in ite games, who won in 1988, will not be competing because the is on his way to a World Cup je is the first way to a worst cap sympetition in Los Angeles. The air sisted womens' champion, is ilso on the Los Angeles trip, but and Page, who has held the le several times, will be avail-the and Drame Course, the he and Deane Coates, the stabled womens rifle cham-lion, is defending her rate Geoffrey Robinson, the the putol trile, is nother absented, but Paul catherdale, who lost to him last

car, will has picuty of top-class

SWIMMING

Moorhouse drops out on doctor's orders

Dekker, the second man be-hind Moorhouse to break the one minute mark at 100 metres

ADRIAN Moorhouse, the 100 metres breaststroke world record holder from Leeds, has withdrawn from the Laurentian Life Gloucester Open meeting under doctor's orders.

The Olympic breaststroke champion, who equalled his own 100 metres world record of Imin 01.49sec at the Auckland Commonwealth Games in January, returned from a holiday in the US two weeks ago with an influenza-related virus.

In a telephone call to the organizers of the event, the final round of the British Milk In Action Grand Prix, a disappointed Moorhouse said his doctor had advised him not to put himself under any pressure until the virus had cleared. Moorhouse will now need a doctor's certificate if he still doctor's certificate if he still wishes to compete in the grand

wishes to compete in the grand prix final at Lects in May since he has not swum in three qualifying rounds.

David Rolley the meeting organizer said: "We are obviously very disappointed that Adran can't be here. But the meet will go on and we are hopeful of some very good times over the weekend."

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Moorhouse's withdrawal takes the sting out of the breaststroke events, leaving the way clear for Ron Dekker of The Netherlands, 10 take three comfortable victories at 50, 100 and 200 metres.

CYCLING

Racers poised for flying start to season

By Peter Bryan THE flat Eastway Racing Cu-cuit, although one of the bleaker places to be in East London when the wind is strong, should not prove too daunting tomor-row for the newly-formed Ba-nans-Falcon team.

They returned yesterday from a racing tour which took them to the warmth and the mountains of Spain and Italy, making them favourites at least to be the fittest riders when the professional season starts tomor-row on the Temple Mills course. Dave Rayner was the squad's best performer in the Tour of Murcia, but it was Shane Sutton, the captain, who came out best in the tour of Calabria, finishing twentieth overall after three hard days' racing which saw the field of 145 reduced to 50. The squad should be able to control the race pattern.

Last year's winner, Steve Joughin, the former national champion, will be one of half a dozen familiar faces missing. He has been unable to obtain sponsorship in the recent cut-back which has resulted in the number of home-based pros

qualified fastest in 1min 05.30sec, ahead of Sharon Page, of Wigan, in 1min 05.83sec and The day's programme of six Emma Tattam, of Bracknell, in races has attracted a record Deakins was the star of the entry of 360, including a field of English Commonwealth Games team in Auckland, where she stole the British backstroke title from Kathy Read, of Barnet, by breaking the British 200 metres and English 100 metres records. 140 in the main amateur event. Louise Jones, the Welsh Commonwealth Games sprint gold medal winner, will be among the 42 statters in the

Fishing

Moore power for the flying olive

THE first dark olive of spring appeared on the windscreen of my car, at least a mile or more away from the river where it must have hatched. Frank Saw yer once said that olives will fly quite a distance. No doubt they may be blown quite a distance too and I suspect this one settled on the windscreen in mismike for

The problem about the dark olive (Baetis rhodani) is what to use as a reliable match. Kingsmill Moore, that great Irish fly fisherman, has pointed out that there are at least four patterns that have stood the test panerns that have stood the test of time — the Waterhen Bloa from Yorkshire, the Blue Upright from Devon, the Greenwell's Glory from the Borders, and the Blue Dun which goes back to Charles Cotton and possibly beyond.

The North Country flies, like

Kronk gym in Detroit, has been

off Stewart's spider patterns, best fished upstream just under the water surface as they drift down, suggesting drowned duns of spinners. Skues was right to insist that these soft-backled natterns do not suggest nymphs. patterns do not suggest nymphs, as some bave said.

The other three, the Upright, Green ell and Blue Dun do fine as dry flies on top of the water or what the Piscatorials call damp what the Piscatorials call damp flies which float in the surface film. In particular, the Greenwell is ambidextrous. With upright wings it is a floater supreme, with sloping wings it can be almost anything from a nymph to a beetle. On lakes, fished wet, it is probably the most useful general pattern of various kinds of bait that we have, on a par with the Mailards have, on a par with the Mailards

pondering my choice of fly, I pondering my choice of fly, I remembered some other good advice that Kingsmill Moore gave in that splendid book of his, A Man May Fish. I looked it up on my way back from the river, fishless, and it is worth quoting for there is no better prelude to the season.

Asked what fishing meant to him, he wrote: "It may be summarized as a plea and a

summarized as a plea and a protest. A protest against the itch to make records, the urge to extract every possible fish in a way that is not illegal, the desire to go one better than the next man; a plea that fishing should be not so much a pursuit as a pastime, calling for concentra-tion sufficient to put all worries out of mind, yet not such concentration as to be in itself

warious kinds of bait that we shausting lit was not his skill but his approach that made Walton the father of anglers."

BOXING Andries's chance to regain title

SYDNEY (Reuter) - Jeff Harding, of Australia, the World Boxing Council (WBC) lightheavyweight champion, and Dennis Andries, of Britain, meet in a return match in Melbourne moter said yesterday. Lalonde announced his retirement earon June 2. Harding took the title from Andries in Atlantic City last June. Andries, who boxes out of the

The first bout between Harding and Andries was voted one of the best contests of 1989. Harding, bloodied and behind

signed as a replacement for on points, stopped Andries in Danny Lalonde, of Canada, Bill Mordey, the Australian prodefences of his title, beating Tom Collins, of Leeds, last October and Italy's Nestor

Giovannini this month.

Andries has won the WBC title twice. He lost it to Thomas Hearns but regained it after

GYMNASTICS

British hopes are high in a weaker field By Peter Aykroyd

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HOME hopes of success in today's Daily Mirror Champions All tournament at the Birmingham International Arena, have been greatly improved by the absence, for the first time for 17 years, of Russian competitors.

Dmitri Nefedovich, aged 16, and Yelena Paliukh, a year younger, both tipped for medals at the 1992 Olympics, were stranded in Moscow when their visas were delayed through a misunderstanding. Cristina Bontas, of Romania, who is ranked fourth in the world, has been banned from leaving the country by her government.

Two British gymnasts look to be in the running for medals. They are Sarah Mercer, the new national champion, who is competing for Britain, and Terry Bartlett, who is representing England.

Neil Thomas, the British men's champion, is competing in a World Cup qualifying event in Toronto, and his place has been taken by David Cox, the national parallet here champion.

in foronto, and his place has been taken by David Cox, the national parallel bars champion.

The leading contenders for the men's gold medal include Lazlo Boda, of Hungary, and Aloiz Kolman, of Yugoslavia, both seen in last year's world championshore.

The strongest women's chal-lengers appear to be Veneletta Vassileva, a promising young Bulgarian, and the Hungarian,

On the penny points path to paradise

If anyone thought they heard hollow laughter when the Chancellor, in his budget speech last week, sacrificed £100 million in tax revenues over the next five years and handed it back to football to improve its stadiums, it would have been from the ghosts of those who tried to launch the pools 60 or 70 years ago. Today, 10 million coupons are filled in each week; with so many syndicates, this involves anything up to 18 million investors, who between them last year staked £660,530,000. Having a flutter on the pools is as natural as turning on a television set; but it was not always so.

Tootball authority was traditionally opposed to d betting on the game and in 1935 the Football Association banned clubs from having pools advertisements on their grounds or in their programmes.It may be difficult to understand today but in 1936 the FA actually rejected a proposal from the Pools Promoters' Association that profits from the pools might be channelled into the game in return for the PPA's right to use the fixtures. Fifty-three years on, football last year received £6.5 million for the use of fixtures. It has further collected over the past 15 years from the pools companies' spot-the-ball competition £50 million for ground improvements through the Football Trust and is now about to be the biggest pools winner of all time with the £100 million from the Chancellor to add to the £10 million that will continue to come each year through the Football Trust, But, as Nicholas Fishwick records in his book English football and Society 1910-1950, it has been a long battle. . .

part of working class life and it was inevitable therefore that people would bet on football. The popularity of football gambling and its influence on society's perception of the game, posed a serious challenge to the authorities' attempts to establish football as a respectable national sport.

By simultaneously strengthening soccer's popular appeal and linking it with what some saw as a social and moral disease, betting threatened to establish it as the people's game but subvert it as the national game.

By 1910, betting on football was firmly established and took three forms — fixed odds coupons; private and more informal wagers; and newspaper competitions.

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Fixed odds betting involved the purchase of a coupon which listed various forthcoming matches, which one then attempted to predict against odds fixed on the coupon. Many of the larger coupon organizers operated from abroad to avoid possible legal problems, and operated through agents in Britain... "agents who are willing to buy any number of addresses from clerks in shops and offices" as the Swindon Advertiser said in 1912.

Clients were thus recruited by the agents with a specialized knowledge of a locality so that networks of punters could be set up. Agents worked on a commission basis and tended to patronize working class cultural areas such as the pub and the workshop; they particularly valued connections with publicans, foremen, shopkeepers and others at key positions in these institutions.

Normally, clients and coupon sellers conspired to keep any illegalities from the police, who were in any case not great admirers of the betting laws although they occasionally made arrests by following up press advertisements for commissioning agents. Whatever risk the agent ran, he could carn useful sums of money—apparently up to nine shillings (45p) per £1 of business in Swindon in the 1920s.

A Sheffield bookmaker advertised for "liberal odds and commissions...to sportsmen connected with work, collieries, clubs etc...quick settlements."

The pub, the street, the factory, the small shop: wherever working class people met, betting agents might be on the lookout for business, although they may have been less active than anti-gamblers alleged.

Private wagers caused less alarm. Local derbies and other important matches seemed to have been the most popular subject of informal wagers, as one supporter gambled as a sign of commitment against a supporter of a rival team.

Newspaper competitions appeared to be more respectable and overt than coupon betting. In 1910 they were generally run by the sporting press. The (Shelfield) Green 'Un published action photographs with the ball blacked out and readers had to guess "Where should the ball be?" for a possible £200 reward.

(Anyone who has picked up the Sun newspaper in the last two weeks may well have noticed a similarity — only their prize 80 years on, is £5 million!).

Readers were commonly invited to predict the results of matches which brought one reader of *The Umpire* £1,000 in 1913. The reader's only stake was what he had paid for the paper, and in each case the papers emphasised that skill, not luck was the essential: the competitions therefore were not lotteries.

The newspapers' attempts to establish such competitions as respectable and legal led them to make lofty statements as to the purpose of them. Most claimed they were "started for the amusement of our readers" and designed

"to give an added interest to followers of football." The Sheffield Telegraph claimed even more altruistic motives, saying its prizemoney "frequently goes to people of the poorest class who find it a blessing. in hard times." Regular articles showed how the competition transformed the lives of the poor and the despairing, as the man from the Telegraph visited a slum to deliver a few pounds to an unemployed person.

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Such events were "human documents" which throw sidelights on life of an appealing nature. They did not lead the paper to wonder how the poor survived when they were not winning football competitions, and so pandered to the worst type of Dickensian sentimentality and bourgeois complecency.

The competitions were free, harmless, good for the poor in need of money, good for the individual or family in search of amusement and good for football. Unfortunately they were also illegal.

In 1928 a test case was brought against the Sheffield Telegraph to see whether these competitions violated the Ready Money Football Betting Act of 1920, which forbade all football betting except by credit

The prosecution argued that although these competitions were free, many people could buy several copies of each edition of the paper to increase their chance, thus turning the paper into a football coupon. Their object was not to bring "sunshine" into the lives of the needy "by means of the football competition" but "to increase the circulation of the

The paper itself admitted that it was designed to maintain sales in an increasingly competitive market. The prosecution's case was upheld.

The rise of the football pools in

the early 1930s was due to the discovery of a way of circumventing the 1920 Act. Normally, poor people were unlikely to bet on credit. However, bookmakers realized that by allowing punters to pay their stakes after the fixtures had taken place they turned the wager from ready money into credit. The pools also owed much to their structure, which had greater potential appeal than fixed odds betting. Instead of fixing odds, the pools companies presented a variety of different competitions on each coupon. The total wager on each competition, minus the company's com-mission, was divided between the successful predictors. The most popular competition was the treble chance in which one had the extremely difficult task of predicting eight drawn games, and the popularity of this competition made the pool of prize-money correspondingly high. Punters evolved complicated systems involving permutations to reduce the odds on these competitions, and by the 1940s enormous sums up to £60,000 - were occasionally won on a treble chance.

(Earlier this month the individual pay-out - to a Cumbrian policeman - reached £1.515,589!) The beauty and novelty of this structure lay first in the breadth of its appeal. Football and gambling experts could stretch all their powers of ingenuity and knowledge to increase their chances, but also the more casual, modest punter could trust to luck for a small sum. Secondly, the pools were guaranteed a fixed commission before the pool was shared between winners, so that unlike other bookmakers the pools firms could not be ruined by a betting coup. They therefore had no interest in swindling those who won large sums or in fixing matches, and the bigger firms made much of their financial probity. Lucky and skilful punters were assured of their winnings, the pools firm was assured of its commission. The obvious flaw

was that it relied on the clients'



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honesty in paying the credit but the vast majority of regular punters had no intention of defaulting. Moreover, the larger firms formed an organization for mutual protection in 1934, the Pools Promoters'

Association (PPA).

As well as representing the firms' interests in dealing with other bodies, the PPA circulated blacklists of defaulting clients. Thus the structure of the pools was firm and well suited to a mass

To save resources the pools operated together as "Unity Pools" during the Second World War, but competition became all the more fierce after 1945 when United Pools fell apart. Only 42 firms (of 231) survived until 1951 and the top three accounted for 85 per cent of the market. Shermans controlled 10 per cent, Vernons 25 and Littlewoods, which had grown out of the retail store, fully 50 per cent. Football betting had thus moved from the back streets to the high street.

An obvious but striking point is that far more gambled on football than watched it. Estimates (necessarily rough, since the number of coupons was less than the total number of those who filled them in) varied between five and nine million doing the pools each week in the 1930s and between 10 and 14 million in the 1940s. (Today it is estimated that nearer 18 million invest each week).)

The average stake on coupons before 1914 seems to have varied between one shilling (5p) and two shillings and sixpence (12½p). In 1937, the Swindon post office reported that most postal orders it handled were for between 6d (2½p) and 5 shillings (25p) but mostly no greater than 2s 6d and the Sporting Chronicle estimated that the average stake was about that figure - although the actual amounts gambled by most people would have been lower, firstly because the fee was often made up of the contributions of different individuals collaborating on one coupon and secondly because those who did not use permutations, which reduced the odds for a larger stake, pushed up the

Why did people gamble? The reasons punters themselves gave were complicated. A Salvation Army survey in 1932 of an

unknown sample found that 39 per cent said they had gambled for money, 23 per cent for "sport", 16 per cent for "excitement", 11 per cent as a "pastime" and 11 per cent for "company"; no doubt several gambled for a variety of all these. This survey was of gamblers in general but certainly some of these factors applied to the football punter. The financial consideration was strong and there was a fantasy element about the sums involved... the possibility of an unemployed miner suddenly with thousands of pounds to spend on financial investments or a holiday

he strength of the appeal lay in the reality of people's lives — the pools offered a road to the security and comfort they sought. For most, the reality was insecurity and toil, the fantasy was ease and wealth and the pools offered the only narrow bridge between the two worlds.

One anti-gambler was mortified when a man's reaction to a home defeat for Tottenham was "blimey, that's done me ten results" — apparently more concerned about his wager than his ream.

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The football authorities were hostile to betting on their game because, they claimed, it damaged the sport's reputation and threatened the fairness of it. This involved taking every possible step to prevent betting from influencing football while strenuously denying that any such influence existed.

In 1913 the FA appointed a commission into football betting, involving the Players' Union, officials; and directors and although this found little serious evidence of match-rigging owing to betting, it still asserted that betting was "prevalent throughout the country" and recommended permanent suspension for anyone found guilty.

It was the FA that backed the Ready Money Football Betting Act and sent congratulatory messages to the chief constables of police forces responsible for prosecuting football gamblers.

To the FA, betting was a

potential rather than an actual

threat, but they were determined

form of betting — even fundraising lotteries. They backed a clause in the Government's Betting Bill of 1934 which would have outlawed the pools and when this clause was withdrawn after considerable lobbying by the PPA, the authorities took matters into their own hands. In October 1935 the FA forbade clubs to allow pools advertisements at their grounds or in their programmes and in 1936 it rejected out of hand a proposal by the PPA that profits from the pools might be channelled into the game in return for the PPA's right to use Football League fixtures.

The following month the League and FA met and produced a bold plan to destroy the pools. All fixtures were to be kept secret until two days before the matches. This would make it impossible for the PPA to prepare coupons in time. Thus on February 22 the "Pools War" began. The authorities' actions were attacked; some newspapers publicised the PPA story that the FA had been favourable to their offer but the League had vetoed it in the hope of securing more money. Atten-dances fell, and George Orwell, who happened to be in Sheffield investigating the proletariat for his book "The Road to Wigan Pier" thought that the League's action flung all Yorkshire into a storm of fury"

Under pressure from fans who threatened boycotts, the clubs weakened. On March 9 they voted overwhelmingly to end the "war", deciding instead to support another anti-pools Bill which was eventually defeated. The Oxford Times summarised the confrontation thus — "Result League 0, Pools 1".

It was not an easy victory for the PPA however. Charlie Buchan (a former footballer turned writer), argued that the pools had been on the brink of collapse.

The authorities remained hostile and a plan by Stanley Rous of the Football Association in 1943, which involved accepting money from the pools for football facilities, had to be abandoned following violent reactions by the League and the county associations. By 1949 Rous was arguing for football to accept pools money if the pools were State-run and the Players'

principle, but there remained no question of a deal between football and the pools as they stood. Even where the pools seemed to damage neither the game nor its reputation, the bitterness of 1936, dislike of the PPA's wealth and strength and continuing anti-gambling prejudices combined to fosailize less open minds than Rous's.

The pools and betting generally seemed to cause problems for anyone whose views were primarily moral or ideological. Given the fact that the pools were as popular as they were capitalist, it is worth studying the attitude of the left. While early Labour leaders felt great hostility to betting and to the principle of unearned wealth and consumption, a more pragmatic attitude became prevalent later. The post-war Labour government's attitude was essentially that of the Catholic Church and it chose to tax the pools for its own purposes rather than threaten or nationalize them.

By 1950, the pools had established themselves as a major form of popular entertainment. It could be argued that some of these forms - the radio, the cinema, popular music - were undemanding and induced passivity. This was not true of the pools. As a mental test, the pools were the working class equivalent of The Times crossword, testing knowledge acquired as part of working class culture just as the crossword tested the knowledge and cunning of the more formally educated. The pools had an additional quality of often being a social activity. People discussed or completed the pools together in all sorts of social situations. In another sense the pools were less "anti-social" than other forms of betting. There was none of the dubious legality that was attached to street betting. Thus, while street betting tended to reinforce the solidarity and autonomy of "mostly male" working class social life in the period before off-course betting was legalized, the pools presented gambling as a respectable consumer activity, no more necessarily working class than the cinema and radio and freely and easily available to people of all classes and either sex. In practice, of course, the general structure of society meant that the nools were mostly done by those who dominated the

institutions in which the pools thrived — the family, the factory, the club and pub: that is, by working class men.

The difference was that there was less autonomy in the pools. Legal, respectable, and well organized by large firms, the pools depended on the worker only to fill in the coupon and pay his stake. But this in other ways should be seen as a triumph of working class assertion. Powerful - mostly Protestant and middle class - groups opposed football betting, even the pools, as a threat to football and society and this "respectable" body of opinion was reflected by the thrust of the Parliamentary report of 1923 and 1933. By the 1940s it was less easy to browbeat millions of people over an amusement that did no obvious harm and was in some ways part of their culture; those people were no longer being forced into the streets and illegality. This was a good omen for working class gambling in general. People were now free to gain social and mental pleasure, and occasionally financial reward, out of football.

The importance of football itself as a social phenomenon has long been recognized. Football played an important part in the lives of people who voted, governed, were governed, fought wars, raised families and worked and this meant that football had to have implications that were in some sense political. There was a deceptive unanimity about the attitude of the football authorities to football.

bey held that politics could only corrupt sport. Part of the game's appeal was undoubtedly that it seemed to offer relief from the tiresome faction and seriousness of politics as much for the authorities as for anyone else. Football seemed to offer a world of political innocences some spont their lives there others could occasionally find shelter from the storm.

shelter from the storm. Overt attempts to introduce football into politics usually met with disapproval. Harold Fleming, the leading player of Swindon Town at that time, threw his great local name behind the Unionis candidate, a Colonel Calley, in the December 1910 Election but his speech at a Unionist rally failed to impress many. "He was told to stick to football" while others thought Calley's attempt to exploi football patronizing to the working class. If a football vote existed it may have been counterproduc tive to pursue; certainly Flemin did not save Calley from losing his

Just as everyone from King to local councillor scrambled to associate himself with the game of the masses so politicians always believed that it was good for their images to do the same. The Sheffield Labour MP, A V Alexander, joined the Wednesday supporters club in 1930 and often attended matches. He even wote the foreword for Tommy Lawton's first autobiography.

ton's first autobiography.

JPW Mallalieu went so fares in marry the daughter of the Porsmouth manager Jack Tinn and he was not the last Labour politician to make his loyalty to Huddersfield Town public property!

The rural somnambulance of cricket was closer to Baldwin's idea of the national sport but he was too shrewd to ignore football and he delivered a lecture on it just before the 1929 Election that was much admired by the Conservative press.

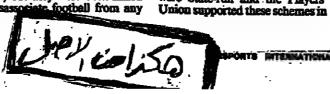
Lloyd George was quick to praise Cardiff when they took the FA Cup to Wales in 1927 and Ramsay MacDonald, once highly critical of the game, was a regular at big matches.

Clement Atlee, like Baldw more of a cricket lover, was only one of many to use footb metaphors in a political speed describing himself as "the govern ment's centre half'. Much of the behaviour served to assert the unity and stability of society. It suggested that political leaders were not aloof from the interest of the electorate and that common interest in sport ex pressed the solidarity of a nation or a local community. This wa particularly the case with royalty King George V became the fire British monarch to attend the Fe Cup final in 1914, and he attende subsequent finals whenever pos sible. It was significant that the King refused to join in bitte criticism of the game of million of his subjects when it continue during the Great War,

This function of top politician and royalty in contributing to the myth of the organic nature of English society was never bette shown than at the first Wemble Cup final of 1923.

Anything from 150,000 to 200,000 people crowded into the stadium with a capacity of 100,000. Two revealing myth containing unknown elements of truth, arose. One is that the pitter was cleared without injuries. Or its by the lone efforts of policeman on a white hot policeman on a white hot patience, and good-humoured corporation between the police and public. The second is that the King's charismatic presence calmed the crowd. Whatever actually happened — and that is unimportant — football is clearly making its contribution to the mythology of the organic society.

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Stratford Ponds can stride clear By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

STRATFORD Ponds, who won the Bessborough Stakes for John Dunlop at Royal Ascot last June when the ground was firm, is napped to win the Hen Harrier Novices' Hurdle on the same Berkshire course this afternoon now that conditions underfoot will be to his liking again.

Since being bought for 40,000 guineas by Oliver Sherwood on behalf of his current owner, the musician Roger Waters, Stratford Ponds has performed well in all his races over burdles, never more so than when he stayed on strongly at Kempton in Febmary to best Gassid and Alkinor Rex.

He later contested the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenfinished seventh behung renest Sun. It is my contention that he would have finished in the first four that day but for double the third-last hurdle ham, where he eventually finished seventh behind For-

when still going well.

That bad mistake cost him all his impetus and, wisely, he was allowed to coast home in his own time. With another half-mile to cover this time,

Babil, who has looked a reformed character and won four of his last five races since being gelded, and Qannaas, who was successful at Windsor, Folkestone and Warwick Sandown recently, I am still before running badly at loath to oppose Miliord Quey Cheltenham. However, the whose overall record this seatask of conceding 51b to son he has won five of his Stratford Ponds looks beyond



Old Dundalk (nearside), sees beating Sprowston Boy at Kempton, competes for Ascot's Keith Prowse Hurdle

As far as the valuable Keith Prowse Long Distance Hurdle is concerned, punters are faced with the choice of either going for two horses who have the pressure should not be proved that they can get the Top weight in this conditions race will be shared by

Rabil who have lacked by for two who have good recent form (Battalion and Milford Quay). On balance, I prefer

Well that Battalion has won at Wolverhampton and whose overall record this seanine races - is yet another testament to the skill of his

trainer Martin Pipe. Milford who has won four times on the Handicap, I am content to rely Quay has won over two miles, five furlongs and he does act on the current fast ground.

Ida's Delight, who has made the long journey from Alistair Charlion's Northum-berland stable, should find life in the Peregrine Handicap Chase easier than his attempt on the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham where he eventually finished an honourable fifth.

Southwell's valuable Fibresand Handicap Hurdle going up 13lb since declara-tion time, The Lighter Side,

course this winter, will find that his chance has improved on Reasonable Kid, who is the subject of encouraging reports from Newmarket where he is trained by Ron Boss. On the Flat at Beverley, I

like the look of Effertescent Finally, Celtic Bhoy, a winchance of winning the York-shire Television Handicap. ner on the all-weather track at Lingfield at the beginning of this month and a creditable The Geoff Lewis trained five-year-old was noted makthird over hurdles there since, ing significant late headway in the race won by Daring Times can make telling use of his fitness and featherweight by winning the Coventry Cup at Warwick.

Aintree going

The advance official going for the three-day Aintree Grand BBC Radio Humberside next Thursday is good to firm.

Selections By Mandarin

2.0 Medaille D'Or. 2.30 Guns And Roses, 3.0 Celtic Bhoy, 3.30 Orchard Court. 4.0 Razzberry. 4.30 Sabarab.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Medaille D'Or. 2.30 Guns And Roses. 3.30 Miss Wassl. 4.0 In Unison.

Going: good to firm Draw: 51-61, low numbers best

2.0 OLD MILVERTON MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: 92,060: 5f) (10 runners)

ABSO 7 (87) H HIGHSON 5-40.
KRELYS KONGOOM R Bennett 9-0.
KONG NORDY B Paling 8-0.
KREDABLE D'OR J Payne 9-0.
MUDDY LANE 8 Milleren 9-0.
SEASTE MINISTREE, J Berry 9-0.
CHARLES DARLING J Campak 8-9.
THEATY STONE LADY M MI

5-2 Abso, 3-1 Sasside Minstrel, 7-2 Medelle D'Or, 6-1 nosas Who, 8-1 Saint Vending, 10-1 Cherlie Darling. 2.30 WELLESBOURNE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,831:

7 551- NUMBHAMES 133 R HERDON B-18 B 8 625- RARBOW MINDOE 165 (D,F) P Faights 6-11 W R 50- 10 550- TABYAN 176 (V) P Walnyn 8-10 B 10 550- TABYAN 176 (V) P Walnyn 8-10 M W 150- 10 500- CONFLICES 151 W MARSON 8-10 M W 12 600- GRIGGERRIT 121 M Usher 8-7 M Man 13 63-9 VARUMANN 5 R HOBINSHOOT 7-13 G Hand 14 00-3 NORTHERM LACE 55 M Britssin 7-7 M 16 14 00-3 NORTHERM LACE 55 M Britssin 7-7 M 16 14 00-3 NORTHERM LACE 55 M Britssin 7-7 M 16 14 00-3 NORTHERM LACE 55 M Britssin 7-7 M 16 14 00-3 NORTHERM LACE 55 M BRITISH 1-1 00-3 NORTHERM 1-1 00-3 NORTHERM

11-4 Guns And Roses, 3-1 Rainbow Bridge, 9-2 Rushanes, 6-1 Northern Lace, 6-1 Probhibition, 16-1 Nightmare Knave. 3.0 COVENTRY CUP (Handicap: £5,312: 1m 6f

9-4 Panny Forum, 3-1 Panny Mist, 4-1 Calic Bhoy, 6-1 bartesion, 8-1 Sagaman, 10-1 Mallous, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRANSPIRE Price, 11 winners from 34 runners, 32.4%; T D Berron, 3 from 16, 30.0%; W.A.O'Gomman, 4 from 16, 22.2%; J Berry, 10 from 45, 22.2%; M Britain, 6 from 35, 17.1%.

JOCKEYR J Carron, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; Pht Eddery, 12 from 52, 23.1%; T Casten, 15 from 78, 19.2%; W Carson, 16 from 91, 17.8%; R Hills, 5 from 39, 12.8%; T Williams, 8 from 59, 10.2%.

3.30 BINTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,880: 1 1110 ORCHAND COURT 7 (0,4) T Surron 8-12

8 1132 TELEGRAPH CALLGERL 28 (D) M British 8-6

8 1132 1ELEMENT 167 G Wrang 8-4 G Carler 2
9 540- KAYAHBIN 167 G Wrang 8-4 G Carler 2
10 130- CLAPSURBAR 229 (F) A Hannon 8-2 A McGlone 1
11 120- SIAN'S LADY 229 (F) D Haydn Jones 8-2 M Wildone 1
12 60- TREUTE TO DAD 195 0 Haydn Jones 8-2 M Wildone 5
13 ZILU DANCER R Holder 7-13 S Danvee 14
14 540- CADFORD BALARINA 181 W G M Turner 7-8
Assends Perry (7) 10 7-4 Miss Wassi, 3-1 Orchard Court, 8-1 Telegraph Calight, Glaysuumar, 10-1 Play The Blues, 12-1 Satis Dancer.

4.0 KNOWLE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,060: 1m) (12) 1 8- ALDNYCK COLONNADE 146 M Usher 8-11

2 ARDEANNED G Lewis 8-11 Pi Membell (5) 7
3 D-32 FALLOW DEER 21 B hills 8-11 D Holland (7) 8
4 N UniSON J Gooden 8-11 W R Switchern 2
5 09- LONGL'NN 182 W Carter 8-11 J Reid 10
6 0- MA PETITE CHOU 173 G Wrapp 5-11 G Carter 3
7 004- MIA FRLIAR 120 C Britain 8-11 W Ryen 11
8 540- MRS MENNY PENNY 188 D Arbushock 8-11 Pet Edday 1
9 00- MY RUSY RING 155 M Usher 5-11 R Fox 1
10 224 RAZZEERRY 199 M Javis 8-11 B Reymond 4
11 00- ROMANOVNA 145 T Thomson Jones 8-11
2 Walterents 8
3 Walterents 1 12 80- STRANGER STILL 146 G Wragg 8-11..... F Norton (7) 5 13-8 Fallow Deer, 7-2 in Unison, 5-1 Razzberry, 8-1 nanovna, 10-1 Mia Filia, 12-1 Adeamed, 14-1 others

4.30 DUNSMORE HANDICAP (£3,027: 1m 2)

2 348- POLAR VISION 244 C C C Essey 4-9-10 If Wighten 3 159- SABARAB 154 (P) (0) M Channon 4-9-1 If Wighten 4 004- BAYSHAN 25, I R Milmon 4-8-11 If PURC 5 518- SCALER OF LUSTICE 107 J Hilb 4-9-1 R Hill 6 -550 BALANCED REALM 42 (BF) T Casey 7-8-8

9 2004- RUSHELIAN 17J (D.F./G) R Hodges 6-8-5 14 0000- MACAC MELY 182 (C.E) R Mannes 4-7-7 15 DOY OLEMENTY 30.1 J Roberts 5-7-7 F No 9-4 Saharab, 4-1 Xhai, 5-1 Rushikan, 6-1 Denitz, 9-1 Poter Vision, 10-1 Scales Of Justice, 12-1 others.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Follostone, Nottingham, Ludiow. TUES-DAY: Hamilton Park, Sadgefield. WEDNESDAY: Hamil-ton Park, Humingdon. THURSDAY: Brighton, Liver-pool. FRIDAY: Kempton Park, Liverpool, Devon & Exeter. SATURDAY: Lingfield Park, Liverpool, Hes-stord. (Flat mustings in bold).

Selections By Mandarin

1.40 STRATFORD PONDS (pap).

3.15 Ida's Delight.

By Michael Seely

1.40 STRATFORD PONDS (nap). 2.45 Milford Quay. 4.25 Jubail. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.40 STRATFORD PONDS. Brian Boel's selection: 2.15 Gibraltar Girl.

Going: firm (watering)

2.45 Milford Quay.

1.40 HEN HARRIER NOVICES HURDLE (£3,964: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

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THE INJETING ANADONES - INCH

FORM FOCUS BABIL made all to | in Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Chettenhern &m., best Aristos 71 at | good to firm), finishing 171 7th of 18 to Forest Sun: Checkfow (im., good; previously stayed on well to lose I/I (im. or in.) and in. or in.

L15 MERLIN HOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £3,915: 3m) (9 runners) THE CONTROL OF CONTROL 83 R: 7-4 Elizatia: Giri, 8-4 Deer Crest, 7-1 Detroit Dendy, 12-1 Megical Morris, 16-1 Gle

ioing: firm

By Mandania

2.15 Nothing's Free. 2.45 South Crofty. 3.15 Effervescent. 3.45 Resonable Kid.

15 Mark Aizlewood

-ORM FOCUS GREALTAR GIRL.

1 a Inter chase at Towcester (Sm 190yd, good to improve on (acacouste debut at Formal Izm 4), firm). The interchase at Towcester (Sm 190yd, good to improve on the shown a preference for a cound unless in point-to-points.

(ALTON DARBY 18) 3rd to Edemorring at Sedge-et (Sm 2110byd, good to firm), URER CREST won point-to-point at Newton paint to Invisible %1 2nd to Purrispo on point-to-point at Newton paint to Invisible %1 2nd to Formal Point (Sm 1).

3 Roars of Applicate at Falsonham (2m 5) 110yd.

Selection: GREALTAR GIRL.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.45 REASONABLE KID (1989).

____ A Museo ____ S Porto ____ E Quest ___ S Maloney (5) ____ K Darley

2.15 Scots Law.

3.15 Smooth Flight

4.45 Ancient City.

Course specialists



Clive Brittain has scrapped plans to end Air Music to the United States for the Kentucky Derby on May 5. The dewnarket trainer is concerned that the long journey, counsed with the 48 hours. ong journey, coupled with the 48-hour | April 19.

BEVERLEY

Selections

15 MARTIN PLENDERLETTH SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: 52,448: 7f 110yd) (12 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Except Tale, 7-2 Syrse, 9-2 Nothing a Free, 6-1 Scots Law, Martini's Counter, 19-1 offers-1996: West BECK 3-8-7 D McKeown 7-1 (M Cemeche) 13 rais

15 STEVE MASSAM STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,846: 51) (5 runners)

1 BOUTH CROPTY 7 (SJP) (P Bonner) W O'Gorman 9-BRITTERN MURC (C Owens) R Hollashead 8-11 200960 (C Beabord) J Berry 9-11 30 GODGONAMI 3 (BP) (M British) M British 8-5 LUCK'S CHANGED (O Bushnell) M W Easterby 8-5 LUCK'S CHANGED (O Bushnell) M W Easterby 8-5

Guide to our in-line racecard

at Doncaster eight days ago.

back Granitton Bay to record

his third victory over the course and distance in the

While those who follow the horses-for-courses maxim will

-0452 MCCID TEMES 74 (CDUP) F.O. (0) (Mrs D Rostmon) 8 Had 5-10-0 Pacacerd number. Draw in brackets. Six-Space distance winner. SF — beates its our ferm (F - Nell. P — posited up. U — unseated rider. Se — brought down. S — slipped up. R — related. Second to firm, heard. G — good D — disquessibled, Horse's manse. Days since test to sting. J W jumps. F W Sec. (S — biblishes. to soit, good to soit, heavy). Owner it to sting. J W jumps. F W Sec. (S — biblishes. trainer. Age and weight. Ride winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and lendicapper's rating. KEITH PROWSE LONG DISTANCE HURDLE (Listed race:

302 28/25-16 OLD DIMONALY SE (2.6) (M Weish) D Murray Smith 6-13-2...
308 650211 BATTALION 22 (0.5) (R Dormen) C Stroots 6-11-7...
304 221319 MELPORD (DIAY 16 (F.O.5) (W Jones) M Pipe 7-11-7...
305 41222-2 ASSOTINIAM 23 (S) (D Carter) O Carter 5-11-4...
306 11/10-92 MAELKAR 17 (B) (P Byros) J J O'Neil 6-11-4...
307 4P2504 MODEROMS DELEMMA 22 (D,F,O,S) (P Stemp) O Sherwood 7
308 PROSSET TREMAR LAD 2 (R,F) (A Long) P Devis 6-11-4... SETTING: 9-4 Millord Coay, 100-30 Old Dundalk, 4-1 Bettallon, 5-1 No

FORM FOCUS CLD DUMBALK held source off), 1935 ein, interpretation of the Steyens' Hundle at Chemberten (Sin 1/, pool to firm), wastership to trivial 28 1/2h to Trapper John; previously best Sprostion Boy 25th In lines record to firm), wastership to trivial 28 1/2h to Trapper John; previously best Sprostion Boy 25th In lines on as Kempton (sin, good). Selection: the Courty Hundle of Chemberten Sin 12 in Haydock (2m, heavy), IMAELKAR useful 21 2nd of 21 to ferry Mann in the Court General Hundle Final at BATTALION of out to defect Council Part head in a hundlesp at Sandown (2m 57 75yd, good), NOD-landscop at Sandown (2m 57 75yd, good

3.15 PEREGRINE HANDICAP CHASE (£8,928: 2m 47) (6 runners)

Most Diver 5-12, Humanus 6-12 BETTRIC: 5-2 Blicoi Blons, 3-1 Maris Deligits, 180-30 Welch Call, 7-2 Reach De Forges, 6-1 Course Names, 20-1 Names

FORM FOCUS RIBCH DE FAMBES has proved dispositing this season and finished a distant 8th to 7th Of Spaces here (Sin, soft) in Jenuary.

CAPS DELIGHT has very well in the Champion (Sin HANTER showed like spatial on 1 supercrace at Newfoury (Sin, 1971) when a this to Bernbrook Again. Entire, beet Noheinstein %1 at Montey (Sin, 1971) when a third to Bernbrook Again. Entire, beet Noheinstein %1 at Montey (Sin, 1971) when a third to Bernbrook Again. Entire, beet Noheinstein %1 at Montey (Sin, 1971) when a third with the spatial of the Single Singl

3.50 GOLDEN EAGLE MOVICES CHASE (Feature race: £11,276: 2m 4f)

1 421233 GOMG GETS TOUGH 36 (D,F) (A Leather) G Baiding 7-11-4.
2 154111 OKECTEE 22 (D,F,G,R) (Mrs V Black) G Brooks 7-11-4.
3 GSUP22 POWER PURCH 22 (A Marroon) W Kamp 6-11-4.
BETTING: Brens Charles, 6-4 Going Gets Tough, 4-1 Power Purch.

FORM FOCUS GOING GETS TOUGH worse off) 51 at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd). OKEETEE Sinishing a modest 161 3rd of 4 to Another Corni at Combantain (2m, good to firm) in January.

GRETEE made most to be Forest Turkel 185

4,25 KESTREL HURDLE LIMITED HANDICAP (£4,776: 2m) (8 runners) 901 241590 LIADETT 16 (OLF,Q,S) (F Florent) M Pipe 5-11-10 902 10-1855 WONDER MAN 16 (LQ,S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pipmen 5-11-0 903 2012-20 WINDBOURD LASS 16 (OLF,Q,S) (R Savery) R Holder 7-11-5 904 151005 AMBASEADOR 18 (B,CD,F,S) (Pelriord Confectioners Ltd) M Pipe 7-11 905 1-42201 JUBALL 8 (D,F,G,S) (Ness B Curley) B Curley 7-10-7 mers Ltd) M Pipe 7-11-3 P Sc

BETTINGS D.4. Adds. 3-1 Archino, D.E. Wonder Man, The Classics, 7-1 Windows Class., 10-1 Arios

good), per clear.

AMBASSADOR was a one-paced 111 5th of 20 to Moody Man in the County Further at Contaminatin (2m good to firm), with WONDER MAN (4b better of) 10 away in 8th, WINDEOUND LASS (same terms) just

FORM FOCUS WOMDER MAN recee of the same mark as when all-out to beet Persitient &I at Kempton (2m., good), per clear.

AMBASSADOR was a one-paced 111 5th of 20 to Moody Man in the County Hurdle at Cretinatism (2m. good to firm), with WOMDER MAN (4th better off) 101 good to firm), with WOMDER MAN (4th better off) 101 Good to firm), with WOMDER MAN (4th better off) 101 Good to firm), with WOMDER MAN (4th better off) 101 Good to firm), with WOMDER MAN (4th better off) 101 Good to firm), with WOMDER MAN (4th better off) 101 Good to firm). Selection: ARPORTIN

1980: REAL GLEST 7-7-7 J Fortum (7-1) J Parkes 13 rds

3.15 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP (23,817: Trr 100yd) (6 runners)

3.45 BBC RADIO HUMBERSIDE MANDICAP (J-Y-C: 22,950: 5f) (10 runners)

Long headicapt: Appear 7-4, 8ig Eck 6-12. BETTING 5-2 Reasonable IXId, 7-2 Nessi Boys, 9-2 Spring High, 6-1 Wande, 6-1 Granition Boy, 10-1 For Long be

1985 THACEY'S LADO 7-2.5 Matomy (11-2) M Briton 7 pm

4.15 PETER ADAMSON HANDICAP (22,848: 1m 4f) (5 rutmers) 1 \$3 45(0-50 BOLD REPUBLIC 5 (G) (G Martin) T Barron 40-10.
2 (1) 464(05- MANK AZLEWOOD 123 (F/R) (D GR) R Withhite 5-0-2.
3 (3) 01006-4 (BRG WILLIAM 5 (D,F) (Broup 1 Racing) J Speering 5-0-10.
4 (4) 402359/ GREY ADMIRAL 15.1 (G Horstord) K Morgan 5-0-10.
5 (2) 023(0,F) C GRCO VALUEZ 8 (D,V,S) (Mrs A Hydrox) M Chapman 6-7-7. ___ A Companie 100 ___ G Hand (S) 117 Done St 1969: NO CORRESPONDING PLACE

4.45 JUDI MURDEN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: 52,408: 1m 2f) (5 runners)

0- AL IGHORAE 144 (F Salaran) P Cole 9-6.

80- ANCIENT CITY 125 (St P Opperhainst) G Wingg 9-0.

10589-9 FARROMLE 70 (P Balley) Miss S Witori 9-0.

804-ANAMES 154 (I Brody) G Harroyd 9-0.

805- COLD SLOW 280 (Lord Meltheurs) M Carnacho 8-8. EDBS, 6-1 Al l'Orbber, 8-1 Cold Blow, 10-1 Ascient Chy, 20-1 Ferridais. 1388: TOLES/ITAN 9-6 A Clark (6-1) D Modey 14 min

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TRAINERS

Selections By Mandarin 2.0 Arctic Oats. 2.30 Yanbu. 3.0 The Lighter Side. 3.30 Croix De Guerre. 4.0 Quarry Town. 4.30 Vulrory's Clown. 5.0 Nearly Ready. Going: firm (chase course); standard (hurdies) 2.0 EGMANTON NOVICES HURDLE (All-weather: £2,364: 2m) (9 runners) 1 85-F HARD LP 28 May F White 5-11-8. 2 GPUD KINGCKURSHIN 12 63 J Upon 7-11-8. 5 6-55 MARDLY'S TRUE 11 J Hard's 5-11-8. 4 900/ BANKIY THE SHAMKY 771 J Junicins 7-11-8. ## STAR BLEND J Fight-Hoyes 8-11-6.... I Shearent (2) ## STAR BLEND J Fight-Hoyes 8-11-6.... I Shearent (2) ## TOWN PLANNER SE J Thorps 8-11-5... I Shearent (2) ## TOWN PLANNER SE J Thorps 8-11-1... Relater ## 112 ANCTEC GATS 57 (CD.EF.F) W Neigh 5-11-1... Relater ## 3 HOP THE TWIST IS M Johnston 5-11-1... D Counted ## 3 HOP THE TWIST IS M Johnston 5-11-1... A Wahb ## 3 HOP THE TWIST IS M JOHNSTON 5-11-1... A Wahb

6-4 Arctic Oats, 7-4 Knockumehin, 11-2 Hop The Twig, 6-1 Stry Hilter, 12-1 Ster Blend, 20-1 others. 2.30 KERSALL SELLING HURDLE (All-weather:

£1,828: 2m) (17) 1 2005 OLD OUTCH HOLDOWN IS (DAY MAN S WINDS 5-11-10) CHAGNATAI 178F C Spires 4-10-9 R Crisso (7) COURAR 22 A Reid 4-10-9 J Rym (8) ENTERPRISE PRINCE 24 Rosald Transpain 4-10-9

10 P BYTREPD SON 7 3 Gap 4-10-4 B HB1
12 BF32 BAEY ASHLEY 14 D Morris 4-10-4 S Terret
13 5 BELFE 22 K Morgan 4-10-4 S Terret
14 30 EVENTIDE 15 D Burchel 4-10-4 D J Bershell
18 MCHARABUEE 3F R Hollinshaad 4-10-4

5-2 Yanbu, 11-4 Estonia, 5-1 Old Dutch Holborn, 8-1 Baby Ashiey, Nancy Ardross, 10-1 Belfil, Couger, 14-1 others. 3.0 FRENESAND HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather:

£11,405: 2m 2f) (18) 1 1111 SILUX SF (C) R Hollmannet 5-11-10... J Calleghar (9)
2 1333 L'UDBAD PEU 44 (6) Mrs J Phone 6-11-7. D Gelfagher
3 1111 WHITEWASH 52 (B,C) Mrs D Haine 5-11-7. G Bandley
4 1332 BIT OF A CHANCE 36 (0) R Lee 6-11-8.... B Dowling
5 9955 MEGABUCKS 21 (0,5) W Musicon 5-11-5.... M Pereir
6 1014 GOOD CAUSE 11 (0,F,S Mrs 8 Witter 6-11-0
G MicCourt
7 2098 ALACIM 14 CC.F.R. Sh Mrs 8 Other 8-10-12

7 31F0 ALAQUI 14 (C,F,B,S) Mrs 8 Oliver 8-10-12 7 3149 ALACAT 14 (C.F.A.S) Hits S Oliver 8-10-12

8 3511 SANTO BOY 15 (G.S) J (Slover 7-10-11 ... L O'Here (S)
9 3511 SOUTH COLAT 9 (F.S) C Widner 7-10-11 ... L O'Here (S)
10 4092 CONTACT KELVIN 15 (GLS) N Bycroft 8-10-8 ...
11 3130 HILL BEAGLE 21 (C.F.S) W Cby 10-10-8 ... R Brunn (7)
12 8889 SOLIDEN BOSS 18 J FRISH Hoyes 5-10-4 ...
13 -135 DUAL CAPACITY 8F (F,Q) W Musson 8-10-2 ...
14 04-0 HAWABAN HERR 12 (S.C.F.A.S) W Cby 11-10-0 Dilloge Clay

15 818 SHU FLY 18 Mrs S Obser 8-10-0
16 1211 THE LIGHTEN BINE OF (CD.F) B Preson 4-10-0
17 3-00 NON CONSTAT 21 (F) T Kerney 8-10-0... I Bullia (223 NOVA LAD 26 P Beven 6-10-0... J Lodd

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11-4 Subuk, 7-2 L'Uomo Piu, 8-2 Whitewesh, 11-2 The Lighter Side, 8-1 Good Caute, Megabucks, 19-1 others.

TRAINER®: Mrs D Heine, 10 winners from 25 numers, 40.0%; 8 Kettlewed, 3 from 8, 37.5%; R Lee, 3 from 10, 30.0%; R Hollinghead, 10 from 39, 27.5%; N Tinider, 8 from 29, 27.5%; D Burchell, 10 from 39, 25.5%; Mrs S Oliver, 4 from 18, 22.2%; JOCKEYS: J Ryen, 5 winners from 21 runers, 28.9%; G Bradley, 8 from 39, 22.2%; G McCourt, 18 from 63, 21.7%; D J Burchell, 5 from 29, 17.8%; L Wyer, 7 from 40, 17.6%; R Hyett, 4 from 29, 15.4%.

OFFICIAL IICRATCHINGS: All ungagements (dead): Leto Valentina, The Burleysten, Our Deadly, Verona Chief, Hendy Mo, Osion. 3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,700: 3m) (13) 1 1215 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 71 (F,Q,S) K Bulley 8-11-10 7 POPS DAMEN CHIEF 28 (R.5) J Preson 9-10-10. IN Breatmen 8 34% DIAMES DESTINY 8 (G) J Upson 6-10-10. IN Lynch 9 43-P FOXETS CASTILE 29 (R.10) A Rold 10-10-10. J Ryan (S) 10 802-PRYING PARSONS 3-36 (G) J Elliott 9-10-10. IT Ryan (S) 11 996 STORINY MONANCH 15 (G,S) G Jones 9-10-10 R Hyan (S) 6-60 TEMPERARE 14 (D,S) J Tromes 5-10-10. IN Hyan (S) 4-60 TEMPERARE 14 (D,S) J Tromes 5-10-10. IN Hold (7) 13 -0PP TO ASTERI 30 (G) Miss J Hornwood 9-10-10. IP Dever 13-6 Docklands Express, 7-2 Croix De Guerre, 6-1 Diener Destiny, 7-1 Beau Rose, 6-1 Leon, 12-1 others. 4.0 ROLLESTON MILL MAIDEN CHASE (DIV I:

£2,149: 2m 4f 100yd) (11)

3 \$300 PRINCE CELTIC 14 W Clay 6-11-5 R Berrar (7)
4 \$45P PRINTER 7 S Ketiewell 5-11-5 R Gentity (8)
5 0732 CHARRY TOWN 14 J Edwards 7-11-6 N Williamson (3)
6 2832 RAIN MARK 29 J Tarrer 9-11-5 G J O'Mail
8 -603 TREASURE LORD 14 (5) E Whosley 7-11-6 D Gattlegher
9 12 YORK BEFERAL 18 D 69 9-11-5 Mr P Gee
10 -600 DAWN QUEST 60 (V) M Scutteriors 6-11-0 D T-692
11 FPF4 JUST PERKING 8 P Anderson 5-10-10 T West 5-6 Quarry Yown, 7-2 Mester Glesson, 6-1 Rev Road, 7-1 Rain Mark, 12-1 others.

4.30 OSSINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3.655: 2m

1 1110 THE A TIGAIN 18 (D.O.S) Mrs. J Pilmer: 8-12-0. 2 1112 VULNORY'S CLOWN 14 (CO,F,O,S) O Brenner 3 5594 CONCED 77 (CD,F,D,S) Mrs E Hostis 11-17-0 4 399F CLEME SPHONEY SE (B,CD,F,S) J Wharlon 8-5 8441 SPIRITED HOLINE 7 (V.D.P.S) D Williams 5:10-0 S-4694 COLONEL POPSIG 12 (D.P.S) Miss & Ress 5-10-0 W Workington

8-11 The A Train, 7-2 Vulrory's Clown, 11-2 Spirited H I Glabe Spinney, 16-1 Corled, 25-1 Colonal Popula. &D ROLLESTON MILL MAIDEN CHASE (DIV II: £2,149: 2m 4f 100yd) (10)

5-2 Robsim, 3-1 Charlie Dagg, 7-2 Attractive, 5-1 Mr Dynamic, 5-1 Nearly Ready, 10-1 Director Please, 12-1 others.

First for Welsh family

PERSIAN Luck, a 50-1 chance, gave the Sevencaks-based Welsh family their finest hour but silenced Plumpton racegoers yesterday as their gelding defeated the 5-1 on favourite Le Chat Noir in the Pease Pottage Novices' Hurdle. Barbara Welsh, who owns the gelding, was so excited as her son Adam crossed the winning line she hit a rarrecer in front of her with a conv of a exists as her son Adam crossed the winning line she hit a racegoer in front of her with a copy of a racing paper. "I got over-excited but I did apologise later," said Mrs Welsh, whose husband David trains the gelding, along with his point-to-pointers, on their farm. It was a first success for all three members of the family.

 Mike Channon, the former England international footballer, completed a double yesterday with Golden Scissors at Beverley and Wessex Warrior at Wincanton, his first winners as a trainer.

Muddle fails in Telford application

RON Muddle yesterday failed in his High Court application to

He had asked two High Court judges to quash four decisions made by the Jockey Chib in August and September last year, refusing to allocate at least 15 Flax fixtures for a new £10 million all-weather track. Without the fortune ha is numble to out the focures he is unable to get a licence for a new race-course under Jockey Club

The judges ruled that decisions of the Jockey Club were open to judicial review, but found that Muddle did not have a "legitimate expectation" of acquiring the fixtures.

The application was dismissed with costs, and Muddle

is now considering whether to Blinkered first time 230 Tabyan.

to be won in the **\Ten To Follow**



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85th birthday year, with
European première of his New European première of hi Patterson, Judith Welr. Michael Berkeley and Nicholas May. Bohamien music from Dvořák, Janečsk, Smetam, Peter Eben, and Martinu (in his centenary year). Dance includes Giselle by Northern Ballet Theatre, and opera includes Fhilip s's The Fell of the House of Usher. Also chamber music, talks, film, jazz, mime and fireworks.

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Clarke and Simon Fischer



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Trio plays Spanish music, and Laicester Fastival

Ensemble plays in Fotheringhay Church. July 8-15: The Music School, West Street, Ounds,

PESTIVAL: John Joubert Is

featured composer, including première for chamber organ (festival

organ (restival commission). Events in cathedral include recital by John Lill, Promethous Ensemble performs Façade with John Amis as speaker, and gala finale with City of London Sintonia under Richard

Hickox. July 2-8: Christopher Gower, The Chapter House, Minster Precincts, Peterborough (0733 43342)

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Appearances by Peter Donohos, Fenella Fielding, Walface Collection, Staven Visual arts with Herta Puls as artist in residence. July 21-28: Festival Office, Fishguard, Dyled (0348 ssuris and the Kreutzer

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Medic Country are in residence, with Berry Tuckwell; and a testival organ by Naji Hakim will be premiered in Alpon Cathedral, Georgie Fama sings Cole Portor, also cabaret July 25 Amount & Festival

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year. July 2-8: Festival Office, City Chambers, Glasgow (041 227 5429)

choirs, folk groups, dancers and orchestras from Australia, Carada, Finland, Israel, Norway, Turkey and the US. Also workshops, civio reception, and festival Britidays and anniversaries are the theme of a festival which calebrates its own fortieth birthday. A concert marks the birthday of the late Sir John Barbiroll, and

July 4-11: Concertworld, 6 nont Hill, London SE13 (01-RS2 2035) STRATFORD-UPON-AVON FESTIVAL: Nordic theme marks the 125th anniversary of the births of Sibelius and Melsen, with representations from Denmark, Finland, tostand, Norway and Sweden, Grisg, Desiri, Bellman and Huns Chickles Automatic Services Christian Andersen feature In programme, and Magnus gnusson present Saga". Also Legoland Band, Viking/Saxon battle, folklors weekend, and

carrival, fireworks and cricket July 14-August 5: Festival Office, 2 Chestnut Walk, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire (0789 67969) SOUTH BANK: Celebration of ents of indonesia in twomonth season of concerts, exhibitions, cabaret and opera Programme published June. Also Capital Jazz

July August: Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002) WARWICK FESTIVAL Czech music featuring Martinu in his centenery year, with performances by specially created Marianu Centerary Ensemble (in residence), who play some of the composer's jazz-inspired works. Performances of Much Ado About Nothing in the courtyard of Warwick Castle, and entertainments at Kenilworth Castle. July 4-15: Festival Office,

YORK EARLY MUSIC PESTIVAL: "Les Plaisirs de Peris" is trieme of celebration of Gothic Paris to the court of Louis XIV. First modern performance of Charpentier's Second Vespers for the Feast of St Louis, Also workshops, recitals in stately homes including Castle Howard and Haziewood Castle, ew in York Minster, Climax is Gothic Conga of costumed musicians, dencers and street entertainers. July 6-15: Festival Office, De Grey House, Exhibition

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Square, York (0904 658338)

ARUNDEL FESTIVAL Open-air Shakespeare in battlements of Arundel Castle, jazz with Benny Green, City of London Sinfonia perform Berlioz's L'Enfance du Christ, concerts by London Mozart Players and London Handel Orchestra, music from Vienna, puppet theatre, lectures, films and art onliery trail. August 22-September 2: Festival Society, The Mary Gate, Arundel, West Sussex (0903 883690) EARBICAN: Summer fastivals include LSO Summer Pops (Aug 3-24), Summer in the City (Aug 4-12) (annual children's fastival), and

Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141) BOURNEMOUTH ENTERTAINS: Annual Carrival and regatta with boat parades, displays, races, promenades, competitions, promenades, competitions, fireworks, Eliminations, and free entertainments for children. Also clowing and parachute display teams.

August 4-25: Tourist Office, Westwar Road, Bournages and Westover Road, Bournescuth, Dorset (0202 251718) ECON JAZZ: More then 100 concerts both indoors and

Benk Holiday festival (Aug 26-

August 17-19: Festival office (0674 5557) EDWIDUROM FESTIVAL: Change in Eastern Europe provides theme, with visits from Stovak National Opera. Prague Symphony Orchestra, and featuring work of Czech composer terthu; visit from Bolshoi Opera, Moscow; plus calebration of arts and culture of the Pacific, with performences from the Orient and the South Sea.

Nureyev dances in Gogol's The

Overcost, opera includes

Faustand Prince Igor, plus
jazz, fireworks, fringe, and military tattoo, and work by Scottish composers.
August 12-September 2:
Festivel Office, 21 Market
Street, Edinburgh (031-225)

PESTIVAL: Highlight is première of Manazzoli's opera *La Vita Humana*, last performed in 1666. Other etures include La Grande Ecurio and La Chambre du Roy. Part of Glasgow's Cultural Capital year. Amount 4-11: Festival Office, City Chambers, SUOW (041-227 5429) LAKE DISTRICT SUMMER SCHOOL: Chamber music, including Chillingirian String Quartet, Franz Schubert String Quartet of Vienne, John Shirley-Quirk, Jack Brymer, Sara Wastins and Manchester Cameratit.
Classes and trition open to public. Also exhibition of work by Lakeland craftsmen. Vertur: Charlotte Mason College, Ambleside, Cumbria August 4-18: Lake District Summer School, Museum Building, 97 Grosvenor Street, Marichester (061 274 4149/0629 823733)

SALISBURY FESTIVAL: Last in four-year cycle of The Elements focuses on "Air". with subsidiary "Festival of Broadcasting", including BBC and ITV coverage, eve pact and ITV coverage, averages in the present size of the control of the conducts of the cond Beethoven's 9th Symphony, August 30 September 19: King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury, Within 10722

SIDMOUTH

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FOLK ARTS: More then 600 events in various venues urena to pubs, leasuring artists from Czechoslovalós. China and Hungary. Music, dence, art, workshops, and participationy events. August 3-10: Festival Office, The Knowle, Sidmouth, Devon (USSS 515134) THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL Worcester is this year's venue for choral music festival, which calebrates centariary of birth of lvor Gurney, and Eigar's first meeting with Worcester organist tvor Attins in 1890. Works by Attins, Elgar (including The Dream of Gerontius, to mark centenary of death of poem's author, Cardinal John. Neuman), Bernstein (Assessed and Prokofiev (film score for Alexander Nevsky). Première of St Nicholas Mass (by Cheltenham composer Philip Lane), and George Lloyd's 12th Symphony. Also Lloyd Webber's Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, North Indian olessical munic, African luzz, Andes munic on authentic Elgar's first meeting with classical munic, Arrican (1922) Andes munic on authertic Instruments, and Bach *& John* Passion, Events in Worceatar Cethedral and Pershore Abbey.
Asset 18-25: Festivel
Office, Briar Cottage, 132
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ish composer Brian Noyes

THE PLACE TO GO

new works by John Membelf and Quentin Doolitile, and celebration of repertoire of Mike Westbrook. International programme includes recital by Russian Boris Beresovsky, and tribute to Armenia bu and tribute to Armentia by Chilingiran Quartet. Also modern jazz in medieval barn, recitals in a Welsh castil musical picnics and champagne concerts.
August 4-19: Festival
Office, St Donats Arts Centre, Llantwit Major, South Glamorgan (044 65 2151/2162)

SEPTEMBER :

INTERNATIONAL FILM AND
TV FESTIVAL: Sixth festival includes celebration of Cata cinema, survey of Canadian cinema and film commission forum examining work in Europe. Also focus on Third World cinema and weekend conference on television production.

September 21-October 6: Festival Office, Midlands Arts Centre, Casnon Hill Park, Birmingham (1991 440 Centre) Birmingham (021 440 2543) CARDIFF PESTIVAL: First festival, organized jointly by Cardiff Festival of Music, Weish National Opera, Cardiff Literature Festival and Cardiff International Festival of Thesire, Gala concern. literary events and readings, and drame from irreconstional com St David's Hall, The Hayes, COVENT GARDEN **FESTIVAL:** First international featival, with events at Opera House, theatres, cinemes, museums, galleries and Plazza, which will be transformed into 750-

seat weatherproof and orkum. September 12-22: Festival Office (01-497 8903) GLASGOW WOMEN'S FESTIVAL: Calebration of women's culture, with dance, music and drama workshops, and film season. Performances by Magdalena Project, 7:84 Ledies Company. September 1-30: Festivel Office, City Chambers, Glasgow (041 227 5429) KING'S LYNN POETRY FESTIVAL: Contemporary poetry with guests including George Madueth, Gavin Ewart, and Michael Hoffman.

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song programme. He Davies plays Messie Matwis de Salyneur première of festivat ar 22-20: Fe Office, High Street, St Asaph, Chryd (0745 584508) Forty-third festival opens with English Shekespears Company production of Coriolanus and The Winser's Tale, followed by orchestral, choral and chamber music including Crambes music arcounty
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3: (0792 468321) WINDSON FESTIVAL: Windsor Castle provides Windoor Castle provides setting, with concerts in Waterloo Chamber. Recitats also at Eton College. September 18-October 6: Festival Office, Chal Home, Englefield Green, Surrey (0784 432618).

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Flares may change on 1 May 1990.

Stewarts-Melville are expected to field both Calder brothers, Finlay and Jim, as well

as Scotland tour party members Doug Wyllie, at centre, and Alex

Brewster at loose-head propagains a Wanderers side which will be eager to confirm its newly acquired first division status. Wanderers reached the

second round by beating

Haddington.

In the league, the two clubs relegated from the first division, West of Scotland and Ayr,

complete their championship

The Times guide to rugby union at nome. British seek friends Gloucester block Bath path and influence on Hong Kong stage

THERE is only one tournament which brings together, at one time, a true cross-section of the rugby world and the Welsh team is very young. Wales, though, in a season where so little has gone right for them, are to be congratuation. The welsh team is very young. Wales, though, in a season where so little has gone right for them, are to be congratuation. section of the rugby world and it is not the World Cup: it is the Cathay Pacific/Hong Kong Bank International Sev-ens, whose fifteenth edition will be played before a packed Government Stadium here today and tomorrow.

For that reason alone it is important that as strong a British presence as there has ever been does well, because quality of playing power helps settle many an administrative

Countries wish to associate themselves with winners: it is as plain as that, and for many years New Zealand and Australia have recognized the value of the seven-a-side tour-nament as a lobby for their cause. Contacts made between the players and officials from 24 countries are as strong as those made in committee rooms and they last.

For the past five years those two countries have won the sevens; only once has a team from the northern bemisphere won, the Barbarians in 1981, and they look to have the best chance of going farthest this weekend out of the British teams. The Scottish Borders may lack genuine pace, while

England move Edwards from centre

INJURY to Paul Burke, of Epsom, during the Rossyln Park
Sevens posed a problem to the
England 18 Group selectors,
whose side meet Wales at
Hartlepool Rovers today, kick
off 3pm (Michael Stevenson

ptation to move their scrum half and captain, Kyran Bracken to stand-off balf. In-stead, Diccon Edwards will move from centre to stand-off half and Peter McCarthy, of Mount St Mary's, will come in

Several interesting contrasts tween Wales and England 18 Group spring to mind: not least virtually all the Welsh side is drawn from the state sector and most of the England team from

lated upon sending a national VII; it has been appreciated by Hong Kong officials even if their presence has been so lowkey as to be invisible.

The public eye has fallen instead upon the Fijians, who last won in 1984 but feel they were robbed in last year's semi-final against Australia. when a try was disallowed which would probably have put them out of sight. "This time we do not come here only to entertain the crowd, Kitione Tuibus, their coach, said. "Our intention is to win,

The Fijians have been involved in sevens tournaments since January to process their best players, who include Waisale Serevi, voted the player of the tournament in Hong Kong last year. The New Zealanders similarly devote the early part of their season to refining their best squad, which includes a Canterbury-based Fijian in Paula Bale, New Zealand's record try-scorer in their last

and win we will,"

domestic season.

Australia's team is based upon club tournaments in Sydney and Brisbane and if

Scrum under threat in attempt to speed game

THE closing session of the sixth Asian Pacific rugby congress in Hong Kong yesterday reflected the uncertainty which troubles the game as a whole. The topic resolution was clear-cut ough — a permanent secretarenough — a permanent soutena-iax for the congress — but the debate confirmed rugby's in-decision about whether you lose more by advancing than if you

Terry Doyle, the Queensland chief executive, described the congress, past and present, as a "talkfest", but those present have no mandate from their respective national unions. Nevertheless they have some illuminating ideas.

Wales, who have omitted Aled Williams and Alan Reynolds from their opening VII against Singapore, are due to come up against the Austra-

lians in the quarter-finals. The Scots, if they win their group, must play New Zealand, while the Barbarians will be given a good work-out by Canada: Jeremy Guscott and Chris

Sheasby will play for the Barbarians against West Germany, to be replaced by Barry Evans and Mickey Skinner against the Canadians.

Sgainst the Canadians.

DRAW: Peol A: New Zusiand, Soeth Kortas. Arabian Galf. Peol B: Scotish Borders, Japan, Sri Larks. Peol C: Western Samon. Tunisis. Papous/New Guines. Pool B: Barbarians. West Garmany. Canada. Pool E: Fill, American Eagles, Thaisand. Peol P: Tong. USSR, Taipal. Peol G: Wilses. Hong Kong. Singapore. Peol H: Australia, Netarriands, Malaysia.

WALES (Swensen unless stated): A Emyr. S. Partit. A Chemen. A Williams. (Bridgend). C Stridges (Neath, R Collins (Cardis), C Hitman South Wales Police, capt., A Reynolds, S Williams. Barbarlanks: B Evans (Leicester), J Guscot (Bath), W Carling (Instequine), R Andrew (Wisspa, capt), R Moon (Rossyn) Partit, M Sistemer (Harriquins), S Cortish Borders: A Stanger (Hawis), R Baird (Idsto), H Hong (Jed-Forest), C Chalmers (Melroso), G Armetron (Mel-Forest), I Paucon (Glate), R Kirkpeprick (Jed-Forest).

continues about the place of the scrum: New Zealand and Australia still seek to reduce its power, partly for safety reasons (even though the bulk of serious (even though the bulk of serious injuries in rugby are the result of poorly-executed tackles) and partly to speed up the game.

New Zealanders also argue that if a specialist front-row forward is missing, either through injury or dismissal, games should be restarted with a free kick.

As for the debate, those present voted for a permanent congress secretariat, whose chairman, Jamie Scott, and secretary, Tony Watson-Brown, are from Hong Kong, The vice-chairman will be from Canada, who will host, at Calgary in 1993, the next congress.

to double By Bryan Stiles

GLOUCESTER are laughing all GLOUCESTER are laughing all the way to the league title — and they recken they are going to pick up the cup, too. Good luck to them, say the rest of English rugby, anything to stop Bath getting their hands on the silverware again.

That sentiment is a back-handed compliment to the remarkable success achieved by Bath, the team of the 1980s. But, like the Liverpools of this world, their almost non-stop hogging of

their almost non-stop hogging of the game's prizes brings in-evitable resemment.

All clubs wish they could emulate Bath's skills and achievements and they know how sharing out the spoils would encourage more enthusiasm for the game in any other club and the surrounding areas.

Bath are still in with a chance of the double — retaining the Pilkinston Cup and the Courses. Pilkington Cup and the Courage Clubs Championship — but Gloucester stand solidly in their

path in both competitions. They square up to Gloucester in the cup final, and there, their fate lies in their own hands, but in the league they need to win their last two games and hope that Gloucester, the leaders, take a

tumble.

Bath, sorely weakened, travel with some trepidation today to the all-ticket league game at Saraceas, who also have an outside chance of the title if the three clubs above them flounder. The champions, who are without Guscott, Barnes, Halliday and Chilcott, switch Callard to stand-off among the many changes that are bound to upset their rhythms.

upset their rhythmn.

They may spot a ray of hope, though in the news that Saracens will be without their goalthe same an all-ticket affair they say the real? say there will be tickets on sale at the gate this afternoon. This will be the last home league game for Steadman, who

goes into retirement after serv-ing them well for 10 years at scrum half. This will also be the last appearance for their coach. Russ, who becomes director of coaching at Leicester.

coaching at Leicester.

Gloucester, face an Orrell side who have never won at Kingsholm, but who are sure that their giant lock, Kinmins, will cause the West Countrymen. a lot of trouble in the lineout and loose. The home pack's greater mobility and firepower in the rucks should be decisive assets, however. The spirited forward drives led by the Kinssholm bern. Teasure are Kingsholm hero, Teague, are likely to stretch the Orrell defence all through the game.



Forward march: Teague, Gloucester's powerhouse



Gloucester may, however, feel the pinch in the back division, where they have lost Breeze and Caskie through injury.

Wasps, who are level with Bath on 14 points but in third place on points difference, travel to Bristel without their captain, Andrew, who has flown to the Hong Kong sevens. Bristol call up Tainton to take over from Hull, who is playing for the RAF at Twickenham. for the RAF at Twi Only one team is going down from the first division and it

looks like being Bedford unless they pull off one of the best Houdmi acts of the season. They have lost all nine of their matches, while Moseley have succeeded only once - against

Even if Moseley continue to lose — they are at Leicester today — and Bedford scramble a win against Resslyn Park, or Bristol in the final game, Bod-ford would still go down because of their hopeless points-dif-ference of minus 304, compared with Moseley's minus 103. Rosslyn Park will be fielding Graves at full back against his

former club. The revival by Northampton in recent seasons should con-tinue. They will secure promotion from the second division by winning at Gosforth. If Liverpool St Helens add to that by losing at Rogby then the Saints will collect the

Youthful talents on view on the Murrayfield stage

Stewart's Melville that they

WHILE relegation and promo-tion matters in the second and third divisions of the McEwan's national league have still to be settled, the schools international between Scotland and Japan and the River Series tie between Stewart's-Melville and Edin-burgh Wanderers provide the main focus of interest in

The Japanese have scored freely against West of Scotland, Kelvinside Academy and Midlands Schools, but having made six changes to the side which lost 27-7 to the Scotland under-18 team last weekend, Scottish Schools ought to provide them with a much sterner test.

Today's match at Murrayfield

will also give the Scots a final work-out before they face Eng-land next Wednesday. land next Wednesday.

The first half of a Murrayfield double-header is the River Series Trophy match. Stewart's-Melville, the bolders, had a walkover into the second round when Dalziel withdrew from the competition to concentrate on their remaining league match. It will be of little comfort to

programme at Burnbrac, where West will be attempting to achieve their first league victory this season. The relegation issue in the second division will be decided with one of Kirkcaldy, Dalziel and Dunfermline sure to join Gordonians in the third division next season, while in the third division itself Royal High need on the form the season. need one point from their match against East Kilbride 10 secure promotion.

Army have doubts over Commander

The inter-services champ-ionship will be decided at has recovered from injury as Twickenham today when the in the front row. Twickenham today when the Army, the champions last year, play the Royal Air Force for the Windsor Life Challenge Cup (David Hands writes).

Each has beaten the Royal Navy, but this is the first time for several seasons that the outcome has hinged on the final match.

The RAF, whose last title was in 1986, field a XV unchanged from that which beat the Navy 22-14 a week ago. However, the Army have a doubt about ander, their stand-off

Commander replaces Walker, who is injured, but is subject to a fitness test on damaged knee

2nd Lt TRodber (Green Howards).

ROYAL ANT FORCE: Cpt N Relicae (Lyminam); SAC S Cressiand (Finningley).

Fil Lt I Goelin (Herntow), SAC R Smith (West Draytori), Fil Lt R Underwood (Wyoni); Gpt P Hull (Locking), Set S Worrall (Finningley, capt); dan Yech D Breed (St Attan), Fil Lt R Billier (Chivenor), Fil Lt N Carter (Marham), Gpt C Morgan (Newton), Set B Richardson (Pirsevic Castic), FO R Barn (Cranwell), FO C Nataps (Cranwell), Fil Lt F Cilitati (Filmenication).

TODAY'S TEAMS

First division

Bristol v Wasps Tainton makes his first league appearance of the sesson for Bristol at stand-off as Hull is representing the RAF in the inter-services championship. Wasps will be without Andrew, Balley and

Gloucester v Orrell Gloucester, who miss Breeze and Caside through injury, cell in Price and Cummins, Ornel entist O'Toole for Wright, and Ashurst for Charles Cusani.

Saracens v Bath Bath are without Halliday, Guscott, Barnes and Chilcott. Adebayo and Barnsey are at centre, Callard at stand-off and Lee at prop. Saracens, still without their goal kicker, Kennedy, switch Dooley to the wing and welcome back Buckton and McFarland.

Third division L Welsh v W Hartlenool London Welsh drop their centre, Williams, and hooker, Humpreys-Evans, and bring in Thomas and Tucker respective

Court of Appeal

Law Report March 31 1990

Factors judge must consider in admitting evidence

Regima v Quinn Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Hirst and Mr Justice Kennedy " [Judgment March 23]

Million and

Mr. Carrie

When a judge was asked to exclude evidence under section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, the first thing he had to consider was whether in all the circum-stances, including the circum-stances in which the evidence was obtained, the admission of the evidence would have such an adverse effect on the proceedings that he ought not to

The judge's function was. therefore, to protect the fairness of the proceedings. Normally, proceedings were fair if a jury heard all relevant evidence which either side wished to place before them.

But proceedings might beside was allowed to adduce relevant evidence which, for one reason or another, the other side could not properly challenge or meet, or where there had been use of process, for example, because evidence had been obtained in deliberate breach of

hid down procedures.
Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when giving the reserved judgment of the Court of Appeal at the Central Criminal Chief Chief State of Appeal at the Central Criminal Chief State of Appeal at the Central Criminal Chief State of inal Court dismissing an appeal by William Joseph Quinn by William Joseph Quinn against his conviction at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice Rose and a jury) after a five-day trial in February 1988 for the murder of Police Constable Tibble by shooting when he attempted to stop the appellant who was running away in a street in the Burons Court area of West London. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. Section 78 of the 1984 Act provides

"(1) in any proceedings the court may refuse to allow evenue on which the prosecution proposes to rely to be given if it appears to the court that, having regard to all the circumstances, including the circumstances in which the evidence was obtained, the admission of Stances in which the evidence was obtained, the admission of the evidence would have such an adverse effect on the fairness of the proceedings that the court ought not to admit it."

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and Mr Nicholas Blake for the appellant Mr John Mathew, QC and Mr Oliver Selis for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that PC Tibble was shot in February 1975 while trying to stop a man running away from a brother officer, PC Blackledge, who had been speaking to him.

Eleven weeks later PC Blackledge went to the Special Criminal Coart in Dublin where the appellant was on trial for the appellant was on trial for officness committed in the Republic of Ireland. PC Blackings identified the appellant as the man who shot PC

evidence of identification should have been withheld from the jury at the Central Criminal Court trying the appellant for the murder of PC Tibble. The trial judge decided that it abould not be withheld.

Immediately after the shoot-ing spent cartridges were recovered and later it was possible to identify the gun which had been used. On the following day a different gun and some ammu-nition were found at 39 Fairholme Road, an address given by the appellant when spoken to by PC Blackledge. There were also items of bomb-making equipment and the appellant's fingerprints were found on household items. The appellant had refused in

the appellant's apparance in court in Dublin there was contact between the Irish and English police, which resulted in PC Blackledge being sent to Dublin to see if he could identify

An attempt at identification in court was all that was on offer. The appellant was not told of the efforts to identify him. There was evidence that, in 1975, it was difficult to obtain extradition from the Irish Republic, so it was suggested, at trial, that the appellant might not have been informed in the

hope that he would return to the UK of his own accord. PC Blackledge immediately recognized the appellant as the man who had run away from him at Barons Court and had shot PC Tibble. He appeared in the dock with two other men and some Irish police and

The appellant was convicted in the Dublin court of membership of an unlawful organiza-tion, the IRA, and was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.

While he was in custody in Ireland the English police in London arrested the notorious

prison officers.

"Balcombe Street Four". In their flat near Alpha Close was the Browning automatic pistol which had fired the shots which killed PC Tibble.
That arrest led the police to

That arrest led the police to two other London addresses at each of which was found fingerprints of the appellant and of the Balcombe Street Four. His fingerprints were found on a moveable object at premises at Southampton where there was a police shooting at Christmas 1974.

The somethant was arrested in

The appellant was arrested in San Francisco in September 1981. Contested extradition proceedings in the United States continued until October 1986 when he was brought back. The appellant did not give evidence at his trial. After some prosecution witnesses had given evidence, Mr Mansfield made a submission based on section 78(1) and it was the ruling on that submission which he asked The solution raised in the appeal like whether, in accordance was there in the Dublin identification evi-

made two points: (a) the Dublin identification offended against

almost all the rules designed to safeguard suspects from mis-identification in force in this. country and Ireland at that time; (b) the failure to tell the appel-(b) the minute to tall the appellant that it was proposed to try to identify him, or even that he had been identified, operated to his disadvantage in the presentation of the defence for the current trial because had he been told he might possibly have agreed to a proper identi-fication parade and might have been able to start to establish an

Ireland to stand on an identi-On appeal, Mr Mansfield added a complaint that, because fication parade.
It was clear that just before the appellant did not know until 1981 that he was wanted for the murder of PC Tibble, he was imable to make his own

inquiries. His Lordship said that section 78 did not specifically refer to evidence of identification al-though it had been used to exclude that type of evidence when it had been obtained by English police officers who had failed to comply with the statu-

tory codes.

The section did not render automatically inadmissible evidence which had been illegally or unfairly obtained. Certainly the section gave the courts power to express disapproval of objectionable police methods by excluding the fruit of such misconduct but, especially in a case where the identification evidence had come into exis-tence abroad as a result of arrangements made by a foreign police force, it was important to appreciate that, for the purposes of section 78, the critical factor was the fairness of the sub-sequent English criminal

Viewed in that light the five relevant circumstances to which the judge ought to have had regard when deciding whether or not to admit the disputed evidence were as follows:

1 The possible cross-examinaion handicap to the defence arising out of the fact that PC Blackledge made his identifica-tion in the Dublin court room. When the officers gave evidence it seemed to have given rise to very little difficulty, so that point had really all but

disappeared by the time of the section 78 submission. 2 Because of the way in which the identification was arranged the possibility of mistake was increased. An identification achieved under the stringent circumstances of an identification parade would have been much more powerful evidence. In the last few years their Lordships' court had used the provisions of section 78 to ensure that, whenever possible,

only the best identification evi-dence that could be obtained

was admined - see, for exam-

ple, R v Conway (The Times

oence had such an adverse effect on the fairness of the proceed-ings that the court ought not to admit it. Wr. Mansfield, at trial, had made two points: (a) the Foliate of Practice, evidence obtained in breach of the Codes might well be ex-cluded, even if there was no bad faith — see R v Walsh ([1989] Crim LR 822).

That, however, did not mean that only identification evidence which came into existence as a result of compliance with the present Code or its prodecessor would be admitted.

For example, a witness might recognize a suspect when he met him accidentally, and it would be absurd if such evidence were to be excluded. Furthermore, English courts

could not expect English pro-cedural requirements to be com-plied with by police forces which plied with by police forces which operated abroad, even if, as in the instant case, they had similar procedural requirements of their own, so there could in this case be no quick and easy answer to the question of whether the identification evidence counts to be admitted. dence ought to be admitted.

The fact that the identification was carried out in a way which did not conform with the requirements of Home Office Circular No 9 of 1969 could not be disregarded if and in so far as it affected the intrinsic fairness of the identification procedure adopted.

But this was not a case where the procedural departures from the Home Office Circular were the responsibility of the British authorities. The identification evidence which was not per se inadmissible and in deciding inadmissible and in deciding whether or not to admit it the judge was entitled to take into accurat the fact that both he and the defence could warn the jury of the disadvantages of the procedure adopted compared to a formal identification parade, and of the consequent danger of relying on such evidence. relving on such evidence.

In the circumstances, while their Lordships accepted that the procedure was less satisfac-tory than a formal identification parade, it was undertaken bona fide by the English authorities with no available alternative and was by no means so intrinsically unfair as to amount to an abuse of process.

3 Because the appellant did not 3 secause the appeliant did not know in advance of the proposal to bring PC Blackledge to see if he could identify him, he was deprived of the opportunity to agree to an identification parade or to consult a solicitor, or even to record what happened when the identification was carried out, who else might have been identified, what they looked like, what he looked like, whether the witness was hesitant and from where the identification was made.

Clearly there was force in Mr Mansfield's submission that, because the appellant did not know in advance, he was to some extent handicapped in preparing his defence, but in evaluating that submission the judge had also to bear in mind that the appellant had refused to agree to an identification parade when asked to do so by the Irish police and thus declined to a procedure providing all the safeguards of whose absence he now complained.

4 It was not surprising that Mr Mansfield placed more empha-sis on the point that, because the appellant was not told of PC Blackledge's identification, even after it had taken place, and because he was not arrested until 1981, he had no proper and timely opportunity to establish an alibi.

In that context Mr Mansfield invited attention to R v Bow Street Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte Cherry (The Times December 20, 1989) where delay was held to be an abuse of the parters of the court process of the court.

But that case could not be regarded as authority for the proposition that, once there had over a year's delay a prosecution should not proceed. What mattered under section

78 was the effect that the delay might have had on the fairness of the proceedings. The reason for delay might be important. Where, as in the instant case, the suspect chose to remain out of the jurisdiction, first of all in a country from which extradition was difficult and then to fight extradition proceedings for five

years in the country to which he moved, he was in a poor position to complain about delay. 5 The final circumstance considered to be relevant was the position of the disputed evi-dence in the case as a whole. It

did not stand alone. It could have been tested by other evidence_ If, as the appellant contended, he was misidentified, the co-incidence that the other pieces of evidence should also link him to the crime was remarkable.

In saying that, their Lordships

did not underestimate the im-portance of the identification evidence. As the judge had said, the case against the appellant depended substantially on evi-dence of identification and he told the jury that, if they found that evidence wholly unreliable, they should find the appellant not guilty — but in deciding whether to admit that evidence it seemed to their Lordships that it was relevant for the judge to appreciate, as he did, that the identification evidence did not

It only remained for the judge to apply the statutory test, that is, to decide whether in the light of all the identified relevant circumstances the admission of circumstances the admission of the identification evidence would have such an adverse effect on the fairness of the proceedings that he ought not to admit it. Their Lordships had examined a number of authorities which bore to a greater or the housing association repay lesser extent on the question of £48,000 of housing association how section 78 was to interpreted and applied.

615); R v Alladice (The Times May 11, 1988); R v Keenan ([1989] 3 WLR 1193) and R v Dunford (The Times, March 16).

They found nothing to in-

dicate that the judge misdirected himself, or had regard to irrele-vant matters, or failed to have regard to relevant matters. Having admitted the identification evidence, the judge took considerable care to warn the jury of the weaknesses of such evidence, and it was noteworthy that, before their Lordships, there had been no criticism of

the summing up. While bearing in mind that all the circumstances had to be considered, the final question in every case was whether the admission of the evidence would result in the proceedings being unfair.

The fact that the question arose at all meant that the judge had to carry out a balancing exercise. The exercise was a familiar one — on the one hand was possibly unfair prejudice, on the other probative value. Breaches of the Codes of relevant if they were the cause of the evidence being obtained, but even so they were not necessareven so they were not necessar-ily fatal, any more than the existence of bona fides or compliance with the Code nec-essarily meant that the evidence

should be admitted. In the instant case, balancing all the relevant considerations, their Lordships agreed with the judge. The admission of the evidence did not have such an adverse effect on the fairness of the proceedings that the evi-dence ought not to have been

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg &

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Birmingham Housing Association

[Judgment March 23]
The secretary of state was not entitled to demand repayment, under section 52(2)(c) of the Housing Associations Act 1985, of a grant made for the purpose of rehabilitating and converting property into residential units where the buildings concerned had to be demolished because they were defective but new dwellings were to be built on the same site.

Among them were R v the housing association; Mr Apicella ((1985) 82 Cr App R Philip Havers for the secretary 295); R v Samuel ([1988] QB of state.

Adoption order set aside

In re M (Minors) Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss IJudament March 271

An adoption order made by consent could be set aside when events demonstrated that it had been made in circumstances that constituted a "classic case of mistake".

The Court of Appeal so held

in granting leave to the natural father of two adopted children to appeal out of time and allowing his appeal against an adoption order made in favour of the natural mother and her new husband by Judge Sheerin at Ipswich County Court. Mr David T. Eccles for the

JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the natural father, who had settled in the United States, had given his consent to the adoption after some hesitation because he believed it was best for the children. Unknown to the father, and

presumably to the court, at the time of the adoption the mother already had a fairly advanced

Court of Appeal

died but his relationship with the older girl became difficult and the girls both now lived with their paternal grandparents.

Following Robinson v Robinson (Practice Note) ([1982] I WLR 786) it was clear that orders could be set aside where there had been fraud or mistake

The father had been wholly ignorant of the wife's illness an that vitiated his consent.

Hurley v Martinez & Co Ltd Before Lord Justice Mustill and [Judgment March 28] Justices were entitled to acquit a wholesale and retail wine company of a charge of supplying goods to which there was a false

Grant not repayable

Before Mr Justice Garland [Judgment March 23]

Mr Justice Garland so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application by Birmingham Housing Association for judicial review of a direction by the Secretary of State for the Environment that

MR JUSTICE GARLAND said that section 52 applied where a housing association grant had been made and (b) "the secretary of state is satisfied that land to which the grant relates has ceased to be used, or to be available for use, for the purpose for which, at the time the project concerned was ap-proved, it was intended that it

His Lordship rejected the secretary of state's interpreta-tion of section 52 that the buildings themselves were the "land" in respect of which the grants had been paid and the grants were therefore recoverable.

He accepted the applicant's interpretation of the section that the term "land" included the site itself. Therefore, it could not be said that the "land" in the instant case had ceased to be available for use for the pro-vision of dwellings.

Solicitors: Dawkins & Grey, Birmingham; Treasury

stage of secondary cancer. She died three months later. The husband had tried to look after the girls after their mother

He accepted that setting aside the adoption order was the best course for the girls and that he could not fill the place of their

It was a wholly exceptional case and the setting aside of the adoption order was not to be thought of as a precedent for setting aside adoption orders in related circumstances.

Lord Justice Stocker agreed delivered a concurring Solicitors: Valerie Garston,

Acquittal is upheld

section 1(1)(b) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 where it was selling imported wine which was incorrectly labelled as to alcoholic content because of a mistake made by an employee of the producers when ordering labels for the bottles. In so holding the court made

it clear that each case was to be decided on its facts and that the decision was in no way a charter for retailers of wine to do nothing and rely on a mistake further up the chain. further up the chain.

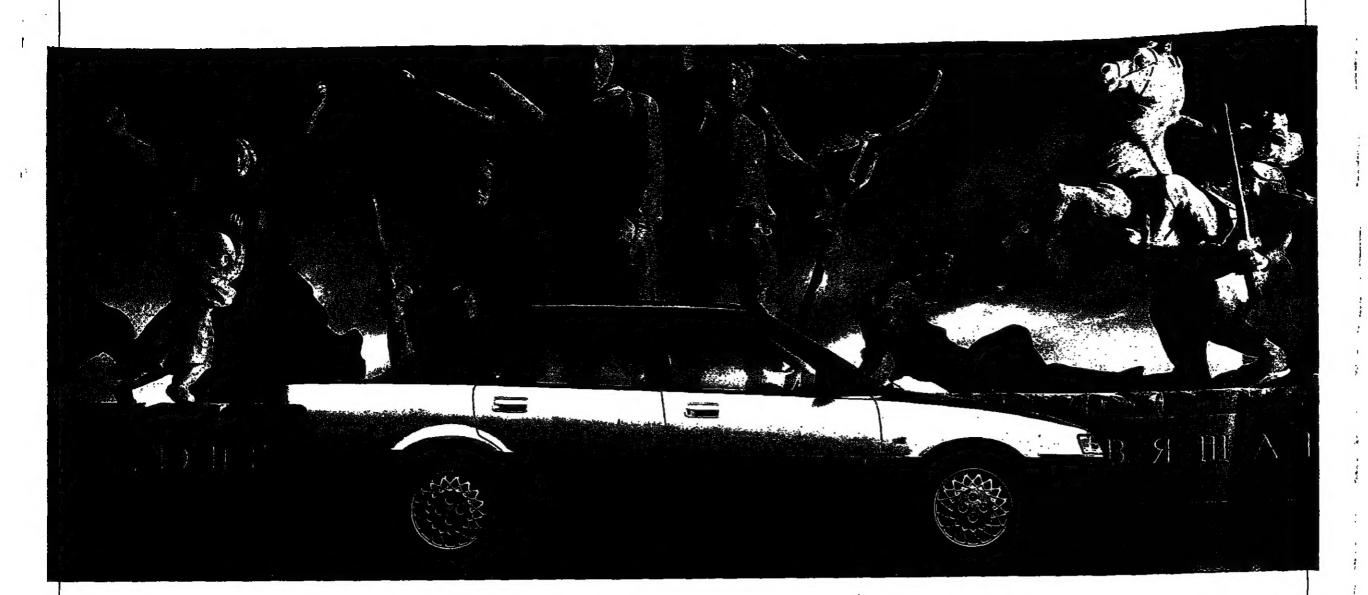
The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal brought by way of case stated by the prosecutor, Mr Keath Hurley, on behalf of the West Yorkshire trading standards service, against the acquittal by Ilkley Justices on September 8, 1989 of Martinez & Co Ltd of, interalia, supplying goods in the course of a trade or business to which there was applied a false trade description.

Mr Gregory Treverton-Jones for the prosecutor, Mr Richard Drabble for the company.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL said that the answer to the question posed in the case whether there was evidence on which a reasonably minded bench of justices could find that the defendant had taken all reasonable precautions and ex-creised all due diligence to avoid the commission of an offence (the defence in section 24 of the 1968 Act) was "yes".

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Farther west in Normandy, or around Arras to the east, that would ance been the case. But although this part of Artois did not see fierce highting in either world war, there were war graves beside the road. They lay beneath a copse and were marked by the pale figure of Christ on the Cross and an inscription before the worn by time and weather, lay two resh bunches of carnations.

The ancient inscription, as over ther graves in a church not far away, recorded that here lay "the lower of French chivalry". They were the knights who, as Shake-speare wrote, wore "the very asques that did affright the air at 'Agincourt".

The battlefield of 1415 and the rearry village from which it took its name are now called Azincourt. Our isit was prompted partly by the enneth Branagh film and partly by ooking at a map in search of estinations for outings while on a reckend jaunt to France.

We had chosen to stay in the old railed town of Montreal, just han an hour's drive from Boulogne r Calais. The thought of Le ouquet out of sesson - or in eason, for that matter - bad not ppealed, but as we had pored over te map and the myriad of village ames, Azincourt had caught our re. A fittle preparatory reading



suggested a few other places on the march King Henry V had led from Harfleur to Calais, via Azincourt, and on a clear, bright autumn morning we set out. The 20-minute drive eastward ran along the valley of the Canche to Hesdin and then north-east on to high, rolling farmland and the village of Maisoncelles. Here had been Henry's headquarters and the bivouses where he had visited the camp fires on the eve of the battle to bring "a little touch of Harry in the night".

There had been only about 6,000 English soldiers — a sixth of them armoured knights, the rest archers and they were starved, wet, cold and tired after the long march. A few miles to the north, between them and safety at Calais, three or four times that number of French soldiers, including thousands of knights in armour, were camped around Ruisseauville, fresh, con-

fident and eager to fight. We followed the road that the English had taken on to an open plateau between the villages of Azincourt and Tramecourt, to north and south, and halted by a stone monument bearing the name of the former and the date, 1415. This was where the English had first seen the glittering array of the French, two

miles wide, barring their way. A practical soldier, Henry had advanced to a point where two woods, less than a mile apart, would offer him a length of front that he might stood in the open, he ordered his archers to line the edge of the woods and plant sharpened stakes in front of them. The woods are still there: those to the north now sparse, but those to the south still thick enough to stop a cavalry charge.

At a crossroads, a cast and a petrol pump stand, with signs announcing essence, and that this is exactly where the Battle of Azincourt was fought. Ahead stretched ploughed fields that had been ploughed, too, on that October morning as the French advanced over them on foot.

They had advanced until their cavairy, ordered to clear the English archers from the edge of the woods, had charged. Then the longbows had been loosed, and the cavalry wheeled away from the arrows, colliding with their own advancing foot-soldiers. They, pushed forward by the ranks behind, were being compressed into the funnel of open field between the woods until they could hardly raise their sword arms.

The vast French army stalled in chaos, and then the English struck. It was all over quite quickly: the English victory was total, and the French losses colossal. An extraordinary event, it warranted all the flamboyance Shakespeare lavished upon it.

Anyone who had been there on that St Crispin's day would surely still recognize the battlefield. Apart from the case, the petrol pump and the roads, little has changed. Azincount itself has only recently paid public attention to its fame. A few big, decorative drawings of medieval knights and archers have been fixed to farm buildings; the tiny

'Anyone who had been there on that St Crispin's day would surely still recognize the battlefield'

musée, which offers a modest audiovisual show in summer, was shut,

It was time for lunch and we turned towards Hesdin through the beech trees of the Foret d'Hesdin. In the small, busy town, the sight of the hors-d'oeuvres trolley, heaped with fresh crudités, through the window of the Hotel de Flandres was enticement enough. At table, the map came out again and a dest-ination sought for the afternoon. A familiar name stood out: Crécy.

A short drive to the south took us

across the valley of the Authie and on to the battlefield of Crécy. Just above Crécy-en-Ponthieu is marked Moulin Edouard III. Beside the road is a mound where stood the windmill that was King Edward's command post in 1346 and where he had invested his son, the Black Prince, with his spurs after the vic-tory. This battlefield had changed. On the road uphill from Crécy-en-Ponthiey, medieval pennants flutter and a windmill-shaped viewingtower now stands. Around it is a garden, a car-park, with an "orienta-

tion board" to explain the battle. The topography of the battlefield is more dramatic than that of Azincourt, for the French - again the flower of French chivalry pitted against the longbows - charged uphill. There they died, among them the old, blind King of Bohemia; where he fell now stands a stone memorial, the Croix de Bohême.

The road back to Montrevil took us through the Forêt de Crécy, zing with autumn colour, its glades quiet, despite walkers and parties of chasseurs, influenced, perhaps, by signs proclaiming "Zone de Silence". In silence, too, came thoughts of the past.

At Crecy, the memory has been well packaged; a satisfying excursion for tourists, and instructive for schools. Azincourt is different. There it almost seems as if the last English archer has just trudged off the battlefield and the last French knight dragged to the grave pit.

TRAVELANCIES S

 Our weekend, arranged through inntravel (0439 71111), offered return ferry crossings plus two nights and three main meals at the cosy Hotel-Restaurant le Dametal in Montreuil-sur-Mer in its Winter-Inn brochuse. Price £108 per person (two travelling) until April 30; £122 in May and June. More restaurant than hotel, its food proved a combination of the delicate and the robust; inexpensive, too, although the wine was not.

British Rail is expanding its Motorail service. Michael Dynes reports on

the routes, quality of service and costs

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ter sesson - will be available shortly in the new Motorail brochure. For example, the off-peak single fare from London to Edinburgh is £65 per car and £80 per passenger. It is advisable to book well in

from this May until May next year - except for weekend journeys from mid-May to mid-September, all departures

TRAVEL BOOKS

• Beth of Jason Goodwin's grandmothers brought bome tea caddies from their lives abroad - one in China, the other in India. The caddles became the inspiration for an unusual book, The Gunpowder Gardens - Travels through India and China in Search of Ten (Chatte & Windus, £14.95). Goodwin, a remarkably assured 25-year-old, travels first to China's Europeanstyle cities, and then on to India. He describes not only his own travels, but the trail of the adventurers and merchants whose quest for the world's most popular beverage (excluding water) has fuelled wars and revolutions. It is an odd starting point for a travel book, and perhaps the historical overview is more interesting than the present day insights, but reading it will make you think twice before you put the kettle on to make a

• The second edition of The Good Bad and Breakfast Guide (Hodder & Stoughton, £9.95) makes a welcome appearance this week. Published by the Consumer Association, this revised and updated guide lists more than 1.000 measurements. more than 1,000 recon B&Bs throughout Britain and the Channel Islands. The editers, Elsie Dillard and Susan Cansin, have stayed at all of them. Each B&B is described in a concise paragraph (including information on whether vegetarians are catered for, or pets welcomed) and there are none of the confusing symbols that litter many similar guides. none of the confu Similarly Indispensable is the Rough Guide series, which this mouth sees the addition of Provence and the Côte d'Azure (Harrap, £6.95) and Yugosiaria (£5.95), as well as an updated edition of Britanny & Normandy (£5.95).

Jenny Tabakoff



Pass partout

The Australian airline Qantas has launched a new air pass, which offers substantial savings on flights within Austra-lia to passengers from the UK. A typical Sydney-Perth-Adclaide-Sydney itinerary based



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on the pass would cost about ared with the normal fare of about £565 - a saving of 43 per cent. The pass is available to

ers holding an international ticket for travel by Oantas, into or out of Australie, and a minimum of three domestic sectors have to be booked. Tickets based on the special fares can be booked from travel agents and Qantas offices before departure, or inflight on the final sector of ail Qantas flights into Australia. Information: 0345 747767.

Driving east

Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary are featured for the first time this summer in the Hertz "Europe on Wheels" motoring-holiday pro-gramme. Typical daily rates, for the hire of an economy car in Hungary, start at £20 for a rental of between three and six days, or £15 for rentals of more than 14 days. Informa-

April 17. Departure is from Stansted Airport, and the £139 price-tag includes a guided tour of the city, a typical Czech lunch and visa. Information: 01-792 1260. Malaysia by car

TRAVEL NEWS

Independent self-drive holi-

days in Malaysia are now on the market from the Far East specialist, Magic of the Ori-eat. The company can book accommodation if required, but otherwise travellers are issued with hotel vouchers, which can be used at more-than 60 establishments throughout the country. Prices start at £1,014 for two weeks, including return flight from Heathrow to Kuala Lumpur, hire of an air-conditioned car with unlimited mileage and accommodation vouchers. Information: 01-937 5885.

Berlin breaks

Inntravel is using Dan-Air's new scheduled service from Gatwick to Berlin for a series of bargain breaks. A 24-hour

Friday and Saturday, from now until May 10 - apart from the Easter period — at £89 including bed-and-breakfast accommodation. Weekend breaks cost from £229 for three nights, with accom-modation at a two-star hotel. Information: 0439 71111.

Shopping trip

Hong Kong may sound a long way to go for a short break, but Knoni is offering four-night shopping packages there this summer, from £499. Accommodation is in a first-class batel with a view of the hotel with a view of the harbour, and flights operate from Gatwick, on Tuesdays between June and September. A full week's stay in Hong Kong starts at £599. Information: 0306-740500.

Youth movement

Special low fares from the UK. to Germany for people under 24 are now available from the German national airline, Lufthansa. The new youth fares can be booked on an ATOL 152. ABTA 58213. operated by GTF Tours on trip is available daily, except "open door" basis, so that (61-388 5346).

destination and return from another. Typical return fares start at £70 for flights between London and Cologne or Düsseldorf. Lufthansa also has special introductory offers, valid until May 13, of £100 return on its new routes from Gatwick to Munich and Heathrow to Stuttgart, or £120 return from Manchester to

Hamburg. Information: 01-408 0442. The Swansea-Cork Ferries service across the Irish Sea is being reintroduced this year, with up to six return sailings a week between May 9 and September 30. One-way fares start at £75 for a car with up to four passengers. Information: 0792 456116.

• Icelandair (The Times, March 24) is now based at 172 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 9LG (01-388 5599). The Superpex return fare is about £281. National tourist office, same address



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clandestine about arriving at a strange destination by night. From Suva's Nausori airport, on the main Fijian island of Viti Levu, I was escorted wordlessly to a car, bumped along an unmade road to a jetty and loaded, like contraband, on to a waiting launch which immediately cast off.

The helmsman stared into the eel-black dark, navigating an estuary, then the chop-chop of open sea. After 40 minutes spoke his first words: There is the island... Toberua." He relaxed perceptibly, showing very white teeth. Ahead there was candlelight; the sound of a guitar. I jumped ashore, and into the embrace of a woman who placed a lei around my neck and warm lips on mine, as is

The four-acre island is wned by Michael Dennis. 2 New Zealander. There are several bures, huts constructed of wood and woven walls rising to a ceiling 25ft high. There was good food and

One day I went with Mr Dennis to the neighbouring island of Moturiki, wading eshore to the school where he formalities to be observed.

which is prepared to the accompaniment of a hymn of grunts and clapping of hands. The yagona most is immersed in water and pummelled until greyish juice, kava, is collected; then more and still more. Dispensed in coconut husks to a ritual of glottal chants, it is offered to honoured guests to whom it becomes incumbent to bow, clap once, drain the lot, then clap thrice before rolling one's eyeballs in seraphic appreciation, exclaiming "yum-yum" or sentiments to that effect.

rather than drunkenness. In my case it did not prove habitforming a reaction which was accepted on the grounds, I supposed, that the slackness of Despite the therapeutic claims of kava, one could not

help noticing certain locomotive difficulties and a de-gree of absenteeism at the prize-giving, which was followed by a men-only meal at which we dipped fingers into bowls of this and that as children sang and danced outside in torrential rain. It was an occasion of im-

mense charm; more characterbuilding than when I trod the length of Great School to collect Sir J.W. Kay's Lives of Indian Officers. On another day I pounded

the streets of Suva, the Fijian capital on Vitu Levu; not the most appealing city, but not the worst by a long chalk. It began to self-destruct in the 1950s when Indians were seen to outpumber native Fijians The culmination was in 1987 when an army lieutenantcolonel, Sitiveni Rabuka, led his soldiers into Parliament House to march the prime minister away. The coup was motivated by racialism, not by political idealism, and the results were catastrophic; the sugar industry collapsing.

beggars and bad smells; dusty shoe shops, cheap watches and T-shirts with achingly unfunny slogans. It felt stale, but I felt not a moment's concern for my safety.

tourist hotels plunging to 5 per

cent occupancy.

I enjoyed the harbour set-ting, blue mountains beyond. At the airline offices they were very polite, but I wasn't tempted to sell up and move to Suva tomorrow.

Back on Toberua I met a man with red hair and a red and silence". beard who told me he was guarding the cement. He was patching up his 25ft glass-fibre



Island paradise: the tiny, four-acre baven of Toberna, off the main Fijian island of Viti Levu, is dotted with palm trees and huts with woven walls rising to 25ft

A feast from the trees: fresh coconuts are there for the taking by the skilful climber. Right: a welcoming lei of exotic flowers

reef when he fell asleep at the tiller. Red McNair is what I shall call him. He was aged 57 and had once been a hotel wine waiter, but it didn't suit him so, 20 years ago, he started sailing around the world "looking for solitude

Later I asked the Fijian staff about him: they had adopted him like an old mascot, feednight. He wasn't grateful, he wasn't ungrateful. When he had made safe his boat he would sail away, to fall asleep

again on another reef. After Toberua, I visited the private island and holiday resort of Laucala, then owned by the multi-millionaire pub-lisher Malcolm Forbes, who died recently. Laucala is 4.7 square miles of up-and-down

him into unlet bures for the loveliness, a working copra I left, Halitola, the staffer who estate, its landscape punctuated with next little cottages and a church.

There, I watched a flotilla of oung sharks basking in the shallows, listened to the thud of coconuts gathered by the wind, sailed to Qamea and Matagi. I watched the Fijians, tactile, thoughtful, smiling: and I could never imagine them resentful or mean. When

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 Michael Watkins flew from Nadi to London via Los Angeles with Air New Zealand (01-930 3434), London-Nadi economy return £935 (April 1 to June 30), business economy, £1,492 each way.

 His ground arrangements were made by Elegant Resorts, Lion House, 23 Watergate Row, Chester CH1 2LE (0244 325620), which can arrange independent packages to include Toberua and The Fiji Flent, it also offers a seven-night stay at Forbes Laucala Resort, for approximately £1,562 for two, inclusive of all meals wine, sailing and so on, but excluding plane transfers.

 Transfer arrangements in Fiji were handled by United Touring International (01-566 2606).



looked after me, put a lei of frangipani about my neck, and touched my lips with hers. For six weeks I had enjoyed

the South Seas. At the Regent Hotel, close to the international airport at Nadi, the manager, Michael Kemp, whom I had met in Jamaica, said: "You've fallen for these people, haven't you?" I replied yes, yes, I had.

Teutonic tonic full of heady surprises

here were 42 vari-eties of olives in the market in 42 wooden vais. There were wide-faced sunflowers and straw shoes; and the aroma from the gariands of garlic and tables of Provencal lavender was as stunning to the senses as the sun which bounced back from the cobbles to blind cathedral-darkened eyes. Olive oil filled tall boules, and oleander, hibiscus and bougainvillaea bloomed

in the stonemason's yard. I was not in Aix-en-Pro-vence, or Arles or Avignon. I was in Freiburg, every bit as German as its name, yet bask-ing in the luxuriant shelter of the Swiss Jura to the south, the Vosges to the west, and the Schwarzwald to the east. The leaves of a cinnamon tree were found among the fossils of this area, which once had a subtropical climate. Even now, thanks to warm winters and early springs, cherries bloom here earlier than anywhere in northern Europe.

As if the climate were not cause enough for an identity crisis. Freiburg has switched nationality throughout its history. Austrian for more than 400 years, it snuggled under the wing of the Hapsburgs in 1368, only to become French under Louis XIV. Austrian again in 1698, and part of Napoleon's Grand Duchy of Baden in 1805. Only in 1952, after further French occupa-

Hilary Finch basks in the splendours of

Freiburg and the Black Forest

tion in 1946, did Freiburg become part of West Germ-any's Baden-Württemberg. Its vacillation is voiced in its dialect (an Alemannic Theatre is still going strong). Its pivotal position on the old trade route from Austria to France is celebrated in its market produce, its Salz-

strasse, its every paving stone. At one's feet lies a mesmeric and ever-changing mosaic of subtle colours and shapes. Spanish and Italian tradesmen had the idea of fashioning Freiburg's streets from the granite, sandstone and slate pebbles of the Rhine.

Stones still more precious were brought from the forests of Bohemia to be cut and polished in Freiburg. The craft is maintained in a shop called Edelsteine, run by the Trenkle and sunflowers, pigs, bechives brothers, just off the main kaiser-Josef Strasse. Coreager to refresh me with a glass nelian and aquamarine, emerald and amber, moonstone and malachite glow in every

the lodestone itself. In the 13th century, silver was found just south-east of Freiburg, high in the hills of the Schauinsland. I drove out to "look into the country", as its name invites one to do, and found myself surrounded by great curves of bare hills, their timber once used to prop up the silver mines, their wealth worked out by monks who founded the onion-towered monasteries which dot these foothills of the Black Forest. Along the road between the Guntertal and the Munstertal, 3,775ft up, stand big, old farmhouse-hotels.

I descended the Münstertal at dusk and discovered, glowing stark and white, the little Romanesque church of St Cyriak at Sulzburg. This forgotten village, in the Middle Ages a flourishing Jewish community and still retaining its synagogue and cemetery, does not expect tourists; fish swim in its fountain and old barrels and tubs lean in weary recollection of past laundry

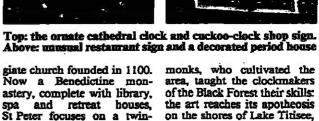
days around its water pump. Another day, I left Freiburg via the Glottertal because I felt I ought to see a Black Forest lake. I passed fields of maize of their rosy, late autumnal Glottertaler Wiessherbst, and found myself climbing to St Peter, a community of





Above: unusual restaurant sign and a decorated period house

astery, complete with library, spa and retreat houses. St Peter focuses on a twintowered baroque church which belonged to the dukes who founded Freiburg. They usurped the place of the apostles on the interior pillars, and decked the church in gold stage of cultivation in a shop St Peter, a community of and decked the church in gold which has all the fatal lure of 2,000, built around the colle-leaf and white glaze. The



manic existence in shops which line the once silent strand. An admirable network of buses and little trains connects olive man submits his 42 the Titisee to villages such as

where several hundred exam-

ples swing and squeak out their

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● Hilary Finch flew Lufthansa (01-408 0442) to Frankfurt (£88 Apex return to £358 first class) and on to Freiburg by rail (2½ hours). She stayed at the Hotel zum Roten Bären, Oberlinden 12, (010 49 76 136913), from £55 per night, båb.

● DER (01-408 0111) offers seven, 10 and 14-night holidays in Freiburg from £272 (rail, seven days) to £844 (air. 14 days).

German National Tourist Office, 65 Curzon Street, W1Y 7PE (01-495 3990/1).

St Märgen, Hinterzarten, with its great 18th-century spa ho-tel, and back to Freiburg. Not for nothing is the sunflower ubiquitous. For Freiburg is the green city par excellence. Only trams are allowed within the old town centre, 80 per cent of which was destroyed in the Second World War.

A good second best is the Insel, a network of tiny canals and arms of the River Drei-sam, a tributary of the Rhine, which once provided water for tanners, dyers and stonecutters, and now adds its sound effects to the toytown of

artisans' shops.
The old Augustine Münster was miraculously untouched by the air-raid which claimed 3,000 lives. Europe's first-ever slender, lacy pyramid of a Gothic spire looks down on the great west door, where the outline of 13th-century loaf

measures are etched in stone. The Marktpolizei once sat here and kept their eyes on medieval fair-trading. Now. Black Forest honeys compete in darkness and price, and the varieties to public trial.

